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Anchorage

**Cigno Dental Care will Host a Free Day of Dentistry for Covenant House Missouri**  
*Dr. Sam Cigno Participates in the Dentistry from the Heart Initiative*

Atlanta

Atlantic City

St. Louis, Mo.- As a local, community dentist for more than 30 years, Dr. Sam Cigno has sought to help make people smile. On May 7, 2010, Dr. Cigno will provide smiles to the deserving youth of Covenant House Missouri.

Detroit

Fort Lauderdale

Covenant House Missouri is a non-profit organization that empowers homeless, runaway and at-risk youth live independently and become contributing members of our community. CHMO gives homeless teens hope and the opportunity to break the cycle of chronic homelessness and unemployment. St. Louis has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage of children living in poverty.

Guatemala

Honduras

Houston

"Many of the youth at Covenant House Missouri were without proper dental care during the time when they were homeless," said Suzanne Wagener, Executive Director. "This event will give them the chance to get treatment they need and help improve their lives by improving their smiles."

Los Angeles

Mexico

Newark

Lack of proper oral hygiene and dental care can cause health problems. Dentistry From The Heart is a national non-profit organization with the simple mission of making people smile. DFTH was created to aid those in need, including the growing population of under-insured Americans. More than 100 million Americans lack dental care. Without organizations like DFTH, dental care simply isn't an option for many of the uninsured. Dentistry From The Heart has helped more than 25,000 patients and provided over \$5.5 million in dental care to those in need.

New Orleans

New York

Nicaragua

Oakland

The media is invited to join Dr. Sam Cigno and his team of professionals and volunteers to help treat patients in need of fillings, extractions and cleanings. This will be the first annual Dentistry From The Heart initiative for Cigno Dental Care.

Orlando

Philadelphia

"Covenant House Missouri is near and dear to my heart and their mission has remained constant--to give all our kids the unconditional love and respect they may have never felt, and to help them reach their potential. What better way to provide confidence than through a healthy and bright smile? These children do not have the means for basic dental care. Dentistry From The Heart is my way of giving back to the community, and helping people who are in need of dental work," said Dr. Cigno.

St. Louis

Washington, D.C.

Toronto

Vancouver

The event is on Friday, April 9, 2010 at Dr. Cigno's office, located at 12000 Bellefontaine Rd. in Spanish Lake, Mo., from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To learn more about this specific event or about Covenant House Missouri and their mission, please visit the following Web sites: [www.cignodentalcare.com](http://www.cignodentalcare.com), [www.covenanthousemo.org](http://www.covenanthousemo.org) or [www.dentistryfromtheheart.org](http://www.dentistryfromtheheart.org).

**About Dentistry From The Heart:**

Dentistry From The Heart that offers free dental work for people who need it. Dr. Vincent Monticciolo founded the organization as a means to give back to the community and address the growing number of people without dental insurance. In the past seven years, Dentistry From The Heart events have contributed over \$5.5 million in free dentistry and helped over 25,000 patients across the country.

**About Covenant House Missouri:**

Covenant House Missouri was established in 1998. It provides services to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth between the ages of 16-21 with open hearts and open doors. Without a stable home or support system, young people drop out of school and end up totally unprepared for the workplace. Homelessness can lead to poverty, crime and drug abuse. Covenant House Missouri provides hope to homeless teens. For more information about our services, or to

donate to Covenant House Missouri, visit [www.covenanthousemo.org](http://www.covenanthousemo.org).

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