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Dear Local Dentist,

We write to you today to share some exciting news about access to dental care in our community. Beginning on March 20th, HealthLink – a free adult clinic in Southampton – will focus solely on expanding its free dental program to low wage-earning adults.

This is great news for those working residents of Bucks County who find dental care unaffordable and have household incomes at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. HealthLink will also serve as a wonderful resource for practices like yours when you are faced with patients who cannot afford your services; you now have a reliable and ready place to refer them.

HealthLink – a member of both Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) and the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) – relies on dedicated professional volunteers to complement the work of its very small staff. That is another reason we reach out to you today- to encourage you to become actively involved in this charitable organization and support the efforts of this free clinic.

We are asking you to contact HealthLink, and let them know how you can be of assistance.

- HealthLink needs volunteer dentists to regularly serve 3-4 hour shifts on a monthly, biweekly, or weekly basis. Please consider donating your time.
- The clinic requires financial support from the community; please consider making an annual contribution to support the general operating needs of HealthLink.
- Donated dental supplies and equipment could be incredibly helpful during this time of expansion at the dental clinic. Please consider reaching out to HealthLink to learn about their immediate needs and add those items to your regular supply purchases.

HealthLink has also asked that we extend an invitation for you to attend its **Dental Clinic Open House** scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th from 4-6 p.m. Guests will be given tours of the clinic and offered the opportunity to speak with members of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteer dentists.

HealthLink is located at 1775 Street Road in Southampton. The new, refocused mission of the clinic is to provide preventative and restorative dental services, along with oral health education, to contribute to the overall health of low wage-earning adults in Bucks and Montgomery counties. For more information, you can visit them online at www.healthlinkdental.org or call (215) 364-4247.

Sincerely,

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