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Our gifts and efforts to reach out during this holiday season can be as varied as those who need something we might have to offer. And resolutions for 2007 can help redefine a sense of purpose and give direction. As you resolve to embrace a spirit of generosity, think not just in monetary terms, but also of the valuable talents and resources you have to offer as a dental professional and member of the ADA.

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VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS



Dentistry Overseas, the ADA-sponsored dental component of HVO, is now in its 17th year, with current programs in Cambodia, China, Nicaragua, St. Lucia and Vietnam. New programs are in development for Honduras, Laos and Tanzania. It's a big world out there with much remaining to be done.

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POOL RESOURCES TO EXTEND REACH



Community outreach efforts are only as effective as the individuals behind them, and getting people to carve time out of busy schedules to join these efforts can be a challenge. One solution: pool the resources of several dental organizations to host a local event that will both attract members of your community and get them more involved in organized dentistry.

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MENTOR PROGRAMS ENRICH DENTAL STUDENTS' EDUCATION



Dental school is intense, with a jam-packed curriculum designed to teach students everything they need to know to be successful dentists. But no class can teach everything, and lectures can't address every student's questions. A Mentor serves as a resource for the dental student to answer questions and offer insights on "real world" dentistry.

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