

# 2017 Remote Area Medical® health clinic held in Idabel, OK



In Idabel, Oklahoma, it was an overnight race to be at the front of the line for the Remote Area Medical® health clinic known as "RAM." On August the 5th and 6th starting at 3:00 a.m., numbers were handed out on a first come, first served basis.

The 2 day clinic with a team of over 339 volunteers transformed the Idabel High School gymnasium into a make-shift hospital, providing free medical, vision, and dental care to over 860 people.

RAM couldn't pull this off without the help of hundreds of medical professionals who donated their time, expertise and compassion.

The free clinic included areas for medical, dental and vision check-ups. Volunteer health workers checked vital signs, as well as blood pressure and blood sugar.

The initiative is a part of the Remote Area Medical® (RAM) Oklahoma program, in conjunction with the Rural Health Network (RHN) of Oklahoma.

Stacie Pace, RHN's executive director worked collaboratively with the RAM organization to bring this

event together with help from local providers. The goal of this free clinic is to serve people that don't have insurance, can't get the care that they need or can't afford it. RAM events bring access to quality health care for many underserved Oklahomans.

Founded in 1985 by British cowboy Stan Brock, RAM initially served third world countries. By 1995, RAM held 60 percent of its operations in the United States. Today, 90 percent of RAM's operations are held in the U.S.

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## RAM Summary



579

Total  
unique  
patients

863

Total  
encounters

\$249,762

Total  
value  
of care

339

Total  
volunteers