

# Never Heard Of Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services?

## ***Well, you should.***

Drs. Gene McCormick and Gary Burnidge are just two of the 229 participating local members of this remarkable charitable dental organization. Member dentists are proud to donate their skills to mentally/physically disabled, elderly and less fortunate eastern Oklahomans. All kinds of dental services are done routinely in their private offices, no matter the difficulty or challenge, at no charge to the patient and no fees paid to the volunteer dentist.

Recently, Drs. McCormick and Burnidge saw a patient who needed removal of his remaining teeth and had massive, but benign, bony growths in his lower jaw that ordinarily would require extensive surgery to remove in order to place dentures. Instead, they decided to place four dental implants with the removal of teeth and then load these implants with a lower denture that would avoid removal of these growths.

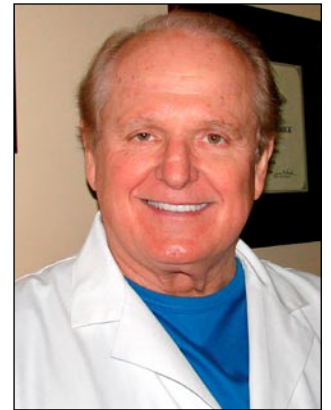
Dr. Burnidge is an oral maxillofacial surgeon specialist in Tulsa who placed the dental implants, and Dr. McCormick is a

Tulsa esthetic restorative dentist who treats complicated reconstructive cases.

The member dentists are just one part of this terrific organization along with many community philanthropic organizations who give so generously of their money and support to pay for administrative and dental laboratory costs. Those organizations are the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Maxine and Jack Zarrow Foundation, Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, Hille Foundation, H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust, Mervin Bovaird Foundation, Oxley Foundation, Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation, Hardesty Foundation, Flint Foundation, Anderson Foundation, Cox Connects Foundation, Delta



**Dr. Gary Burnidge**



**Dr. Gene McCormick**

Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation, City of Tulsa/AAA, OSDH, TCCHD and Tulsa Area United Way.

During 2009, these generous organizations provided more than \$500,000 so the volunteer dentists could provide over \$2.8 million in dental services to the less fortunate of Tulsa and eastern Oklahoma.