Community Dental Day offers free services

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) dental hygiene program and the Valley District Dental Society will co-host the third Community Dental Day Saturday, April 27.

The event provides an opportunity for area residents that might not be receiving any dental care to obtain free treatment and schedule follow-up visits.

The dental hygiene clinic in Building 20 at STCC will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Valley District Dental Society licensed dentists, together with STCC dental hygiene and assisting students, will offer patient education, health screenings, diagnosis, X-rays and other types of urgent care.

"It will not be unlimited care, but there will be such treatment as fillings, extractions, sealants and taking care of urgent issues," said Dr. Martin A. Wohl, D.D.S., one of the dentists who supervises students treating patients at STCC. "We will not provide cleanings, but in diagnosing that someone needs a cleaning, we will be able to schedule a follow-up visit. We will be able to put them into the system to get routine cleanings."

While Community Dental Day will be free, patients can return to STCC for low-cost follow-up care.

STCC's dental hygiene clinic on the second floor of Building 20 offers routine cleanings and various procedures at a reduced cost to residents of the Greater Springfield area.

"We're excited about Community Dental Day," Wohl said. "We always get a wonderful response. The doctors feel they can again provide a valuable service, and they can help people that generally can't find the care they seek."

STCC will welcome anyone that needs care that day on a first-come-first-served basis. STCC is not scheduling appointments. People may call 413-755-4900 if they have questions.