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Mayor Jacobs Small Business Series Focuses on Remote Area Medical

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed John Volpe, Chief Development Officer of Remote Area Medical (RAM), for his Small Business Series. With help from volunteer medical personnel, RAM offers free dental, vision and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals.

Each week, the Mayor conducts interviews with small business owners, offering them the opportunity to talk about what they do; highlight their work; and share any future plans. A new vignette runs each Wednesday on the county and Mayor's social media platforms.

This month, the series focuses on local charities and non-profits across the area.

"They drive hundreds of miles. Some will come from Virginia; some will come from Kentucky, you name it," said Volpe. "They need the care and we are there to provide it to them."

RAM was founded by Stan Brock in 1985 after he suffered a personal injury in South America and was isolated from medical care. Brock then decided to establish a non-profit that could deliver basic medical aid to people in inaccessible regions. Today, the organization operates globally to serve those in need but also impacts our region with regular clinics here in East Tennessee.

The Mayor and Volpe discussed how volunteer doctors, dentists and optometrists help assist their clinics and also how the RAM staff makes an impact as well.

"There's a little over 40 full and part-time employees and they're the ones loading up the trucks and actually making this stuff happen," said Volpe.

For more information on Remote Area Medical and their upcoming clinic schedule, you can visit them at their website.

To hear more of what was said during the interview, check out the video.

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