# Catholic Charities, St. Francis Offer Dental Voucher Program

To address the need for dental care for adults, Carlinville Catholic Charities and HSHS St. Francis Hospital have partnered to establish a Dental Voucher Program.

The program will help find appropriate care for those needing a dental exam, emergency tooth extraction or fillings. Those qualifying for the program will find relief from the burden of paying for these dental services when they cannot afford to do so.

Patients needing this service may be referred to Catholic Charities by a physician, dentist, social service agency or by self-referral. Catholic Charities will then work with the patient to verify program eligibility prior to a dental voucher being issued. The dental voucher initial exam and x-ray by a den tist. The voucher program als will cover costs for two denta exams, one tooth extraction an up to three fillings per year pe individual.

This program was developed a a result of the community healt needs assessment St. Franc Hospital conducted in 2015. A cess to health care services wa identified as one of the top iden tified needs in Macoupin Count and Montgomery County. Th Community Health Needs A sessment indicated 35 percent area respondents had not visite a dentist within the past year.

To find out more about th Dental Voucher Program, conta Carlinville Catholic Charities 217-854-4511.