

### Our Mission

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic is an all-volunteer dental clinic whose mission is to provide quality oral health care services in a caring and compassionate manner to those individuals in Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties whose access to dental health care is limited due to inadequate income or reduced access to Medicaid care eligibility.

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## Fox Valley Technical College Dental Program Students

The partnership between the Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) dental programs and TCCDC dates back to when the clinic opened in 2003. TCCDC is grateful for the 8,550 hours the hygiene and assisting students have given in the past seven years.



Each year the hygiene students are required to do two rotations and one community service day. The students are also encouraged to volunteer on their own to see patients outside of the retired class time. This past summer, the third year dental hygiene class (pictured above) had 100% participation for volunteering 272 hours treating children.

The FVTC assisting department tours the clinic each year introducing assisting students to the clinic. Many of the students are unaware of the clinic's existence. In the seven years the clinic had 67 assisting students receiving their clinical hours for rotations. TCCDC has hired 7 graduates in the 7 years!



In 2011 Tri-County Community Dental Clinic will begin sharing information, updates and special events with their volunteers and donors through email blasts. If you would like to be included on this list please call Rachel at 882-8508 or email at [rydental@new.rr.com](mailto:rydental@new.rr.com).

TCCDC promises you that your email will not be sold or given to anyone else for any reason.

## Smiles for the Future Partners

*(Individuals, foundation, corporations and organizations that provide significant ongoing financial support toward the TCCDC mission.)*

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DENTAL CLINIC  
volunteers serving in an atmosphere  
of kindness, compassion & respect

# the smile Report

Winter 2010

A newsletter from Tri-County Community Dental Clinic



**Mielke Family Foundation, Inc.**

...Making a Difference by Giving to our Communities

## The Mielke Family Foundation

Dr. Edward F. Mielke and his wife Beulah established the Mielke Family Foundation in 1963 and supported by three generations of the Mielke Family, it has since grown to be one of the most active philanthropic foundations in Northeast Wisconsin. A native of Shawano, WI, Dr. Mielke practiced medicine in Appleton, WI for 60 years. His sisters Ruth and Sarah also enjoyed close ties to these communities through their work as teachers in the Appleton and Shawano school districts, respectively. In 1996, the Foundation re-organized to become the first supporting organization within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

Grants awarded by the Foundation support projects that enhance the quality of life for residents of Appleton and Shawano, WI. In evaluating grant applications, Foundation leadership applies the mission of the organization, "Making a Difference by Giving to our Communities," in its decision-making process. Initiatives funded by the Mielke Family Foundation are those the Board of Directors believes will make a significant difference in the communities it serves.

## Mielke Family Foundation Making a Significant Difference at TCCDC!

The Mielke Family Foundation has been a generous funder for TCCDC since its inception in 2003. The first donation was a gift toward the Capital Campaign. This past year the Mielke Family Foundation approved a grant for the remodeling of Operator 4.

Aside from the monetary gifts, Sally Mielke has been a founding member of the Board of Directors and is currently serving as president.

## Celebrating Seven Years!

Since October 2003 - October 2010

- 27,311 patients were treated in 44,498 visits
- \$10.4 million worth of donated dental care has been provided

### Volunteer Statistics

- 141 dentists provided 15,262 volunteer clinical hours
- 96 hygienists provided 3,771 volunteer clinical hours
- Marquette University School of Dentistry students provided 22,944 hours of care
- Fox Valley Technical College Hygienist and Assisting students provided 8,550 hours of care

Serving Residents of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties

September 9, 2010

To All Volunteers,

*My 21-year old son who's been on unemployment for almost a year now has been struggling with severe tooth pain for about nine months. He wasn't eating well or sleeping. One morning he was actually crying from the pain. That's the day I found out about your clinic. We came in and his infected wisdom tooth was pulled. You will never know how much that means to him and I. I had checked with my dentist who said it would be \$217.00 just to check him over. We could not afford that. He is an adult but he still is my youngest, the baby. For a mother not to be able to fix or help her child is a terrible feeling. The gift you gave us is priceless.*

*Thank you all for everything you do!*

*Patient's Name*

*God Bless*

*Thank you note from patient's mother*

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## Reflections of a Preceptor

People often ask, "What is it like to volunteer at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic?" Well, after just returning from another day at the clinic, I thought I'd share some reflections.

Volunteering at the clinic and working with Marquette Dental Students is one of the most rewarding experiences a general dentist can have. The underserved people of the community are truly grateful for any help you can give them. Alleviating pain, solving dental problems and helping to prevent future dental problems in this very needy group of people just makes you feel good that you could help in some way. The smiles on the faces of the children, the gratitude in their parents' eyes and the occasional hug or "high five" in return, truly makes your day.

As a preceptor you also have the privilege of working with the dental students of Marquette. The students are so eager to learn and soak up any information you can provide. Knowing that they are the future of our profession, I take pride in helping them learn as much as they can during my time with them. Every dentist has their own "tricks of the trade" and the more dentists these students can associate with, the better equipped they will be to help patients when they graduate. As a professional, I can't think of anything more rewarding than helping to mold the future of our profession.

I hope every dentist in the area will consider donating their time to the clinic. The interaction with grateful patients, the development of relationships with an extremely helpful and friendly staff and the experiences you share with eager students all come down to one thing. When you go home and reflect on the day you can say to yourself, it was a great day!

Edward Bekx, D.D.S.



Marquette University School of Dentistry students Kristin Corcoran and Gretchen Faile



Samantha Lewin, pre-dental student on her last day of a summer internship with TCCDC staff Sam Czarnik and Brittany Bowers.

## Legacy of Smiles 2010 Annual Campaign

Thank you to the new and sustaining members of TCCDC's Legacy of Smiles!

Anyone who donates \$1,500 over a three-year period or volunteers 48-hours a year for three years, will qualify to be a member.

A sustaining member is an individual who continues to donate money or time to the clinic on a regular basis after the initial three years.

All members are listed on the Legacy of Smiles wall in the hallway of our lobby. Please stop by to see the board.

## Matching Fund Opportunity!

**A generous anonymous donor offered a matching fund for anyone donating to TCCDC before December 31, 2010.**

October 19, 2010

*I was at your clinic on October 14th and 15th for an infection and tooth extraction. After my husband lost his job and our insurance last year, I have been treated so poorly and with such disrespect from the community, that I am almost used to it.*

*Your clinic was a completely different experience. I was treated so kindly and with such compassion and care. Everyone went out of their way to be helpful and respectful and I wanted you to know how much I appreciate it.*

*Thank you to all of you who helped me, and for making me feel like a valued individual. I am so grateful that your clinic is in our community.*

Thank you email from patient.



## Vanessa - A Difference Made!

Vanessa first visited the clinic when she was three years old on January 20, 2009 with tooth pain. A filling was done. Later that year in October she visited the clinic again for a Head Start exam and many areas of decay were found.

Vanessa came back a month later in November to have fillings done but was very scared after the injection was already given. Vanessa was referred to Dental Associates. Dental Associates completed all of the fillings in a hospital setting in March. A total of \$2,075 work was completed on Vanessa.

Since the hospital case Vanessa has been back for two cleaning appointments and shows no sign of any more decay. When talking with Vanessa's mom, the mom has been very involved with home care. Brushing and flossing have become a daily routine and sweets are no longer a staple in her diet.

## Thank You

Between August 1, 2010 and November 30, 2010, TCCDC has received a number of generous contributions. Thank you to all individuals who support our clinic with monetary gifts. Gifts that were made in honor or memory of an individual are listed below.

- In memory of Morgan Katherine Klein
- In memory of Peter F. Jabas
- In memory of Dr. Robert F. Schoenwetter

- In honor of Dr. James Springborn
- In honor of Dr. Philip Florek

To make a gift in memory or honor of someone, please use the enclosed envelope and provide the name of the person being recognized and their address. A letter will be sent to the honoree, or a family member in the case of a memorial gift, to notify them that a gift has been made.



Thank you to an anonymous donor for an endodontic microscope!



Thank you to Northeast Photocopy Company, Incorporated in Appleton for the donation of a Minolta Copier!

## Focus on the Children Update

Last year saw the introduction of the Focus on the Children program allowing TCCDC's staff to screen a child's mouth for possible areas of decay and then apply fluoride to the child in a school setting.

This fall was the beginning of the second year of this program. TCCDC visited the Oshkosh public grade schools in September, seeing an increase of 46% in children screened.

Three new school districts joining the Focus on the Children program are Freedom, Omro, and Shiocton. Another addition to the program was eight Head Start sites in the Outagamie area. At these 5 sites TCCDC screened 136 children between the ages of 3 and 4.



In April 2011, the Appleton public schools will be visited for the second time.

Volunteers and staff during a morning at Smith Elementary in Oshkosh.  
Back Row: FOC volunteers Brenda Neumann, Vicki Fischer, Andrea Story, TCCDC staff hygienist J.J. Schauske.  
Front Row: FOC volunteer Jessica Heidl and TCCDC staff volunteer coordinator Rachel Youngquist.

**The Tri-County Community Dental Clinic wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday. At this time of the year we would like to extend our gratitude towards those individuals who have given their time to our clinic, whether a dentist, hygienist, student or administrative individual who helps our office staff operate smoothly.**

**We are also thankful for those individuals who have donated monetary gifts that allow the clinic to treat our patients.**

## 2010 VOLUNTEER DENTISTS

David Angell, Oshkosh  
Robert Asp, Hilbert  
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Robert Bastic, Appleton  
Edward Bekx, Kimberly  
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Christopher Bergstrom, Appleton  
Gayatri Bhosale, Appleton  
Robert Brennan, Neenah  
Dawn Brown, Neenah  
Timothy Brown, Neenah  
Tipton Brown, Neenah  
Tyler Brown, Neenah  
Jeffrey Casperson, Appleton  
Robert Chabrowski, Menasha  
William Clark, Appleton  
Paul Conner, Appleton  
Jason Cooke, Appleton  
William Covelli, Cedarsburg  
Karen Dustrude, Oshkosh  
Michael Ebben, Little Chute  
David Emanuel, Appleton  
William Farrow, Kaukauna  
David Fischer, Kaukauna  
William Flanagan, Appleton  
Phillip Florek, Neenah  
Jay Frazier, Green Bay  
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Sangkyu Han, Appleton  
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Jason Henderson, Neenah  
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George James, Appleton  
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Marissa Keesler, Neenah  
James Killinger, Oshkosh  
Terry Kippa, Oshkosh  
Gordon Korhals, Oshkosh  
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