

Summary of care provided

OCTOBER 22, 2003 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2005

- 5,764 patients qualified for treatment by meeting income and residency requirements
- 4,124 patients were treated in 7,354 patient visits
- 29% of the visits were for children
- 60% of the patients have Medicaid, the rest have limited ability to pay
- \$1,347,856 of donated dental services were provided
- Patients come from rural and urban areas
 - 42% Appleton
 - 23% Neenah/Menasha
 - 16% Oshkosh
 - 9% Other
- Volunteers include:
 - 114 dentists (general, oral surgeons, endodontists, orthodontists, pedodontists, and periodontists)
 - 33 registered dental hygienists
 - 33 dental assistants
 - 28 office and other volunteers
 - Many students (dental, hygiene and assisting) volunteer during their vacations



Oral Health Care Seminar by Karen Baker Changed

The April 15, 2005 Karen Baker Oral Health Seminar has been changed. The new date is Friday, November 11, 2005. More information will be sent at a later date. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



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Clinic wish list

We are always looking for contributions of items to help the Clinic keep its costs down. If you can help, please contact Barbara Uehling, Clinic Director. 920-882-8898; budental@tds.net

- Statim (sterilizer)
- Mayo stand
- LCD monitors for operatories (lighter, smaller so can be moved for right & left hand volunteers and when teaching students)
- Small rewards for good behavior for children
- Office supplies (pens, paper, etc.)
- Lunchroom supplies (paper napkins, cups, plastic silverware, coffee, snack food for students and volunteers)
- Digital camera for office use

Thank You

Congratulations on the dental clinic's first full year of operations! The Dental Clinic's Board of Directors, staff, steering committee members and volunteers are all to be commended for an outstanding job. It is just short of a miracle that the dental clinic treated over 4,000 residents of Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet Counties this past year and that over \$1,000,000 of dental care was provided to low-income individuals and families.

On behalf of all Outagamie County residents benefiting from the Clinic's work, we can't thank you enough for helping create, build, and support this outstanding project. As I attend meetings throughout the State of Wisconsin, The Tri-County Dental Clinic is highlighted for its innovative practices and unique partnerships. The Clinic's work with students from both Marquette Dental School and Fox Valley Technical College highlights another important contribution it makes to the local economy, serving as an educational institution for advanced learning.

We know that the demand for dental services in Outagamie, Calumet and Winnebago Counties is presently overwhelming and that the dentists are continually amazed to see clients with dental issues that are more severe than they have witnessed in third world countries. We think both of these facts just highlight what an important service the Tri-County Dental Clinic serves for Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet residents.

Keep up the great work and please pass along my thanks to all the dentists, individuals, and organizations that made the Tri-County Community Dental Clinic ambitious vision become a true reality.

Sincerely,
Toby Paltzer
Outagamie County Executive

Our Mission

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic is a 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.

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A newsletter from Tri-County Community Dental Clinic

Demand for Dental Services Continues to Climb

Community Support is the Key to the Delivery of Services

The demand for dental services at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic (TCCDC) continues to rise as the number of individuals requiring services in our community expands. Latest reports show 18,766 people in the 3-county area (Winnebago, Calumet, and Outagamie) live at the 100% federal poverty level, with another 9,464 at the 200% federal poverty level. Some local businesses are downsizing and some are shifting more of the cost of

medical and dental plans to their workers. Many in our community work in part-time jobs, with no benefits. These changes are part of the reason more people are seeking help from the TCCDC.

Clinic volunteer dentists, hygienists and assistants, and Marquette University dental residents and students and Fox Valley Technical College hygiene and dental assisting students, are working hard to keep pace with the community needs. Each day twenty new people come in

to register at the Clinic. Each month volunteers and students treat patients at over 500 visits of which 30% are children. Patients received over \$1 MILLION of dental services in 2004 including 3,700 exams, 1,300 prophylaxes (cleanings), 1,800 restorations (fillings),

and 2,300 extractons. For more statistics see the "Summary of Care" section on the back page.

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic has been blessed with many generous in-kind and financial gifts. Our community's support for TCCDC has been so helpful in meeting the needs of our patients. However, we will continue to need community support. Therefore, we are launching our first TCCDC Annual Fund Drive to bolster our operating funds to help cover the equipment, staffing and supplies needed to cover the amount of care we are delivering on a monthly basis. Inside this newsletter is a donation envelope. Thank you for considering a donation to our annual fund drive.



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Give Kids a Smile Day

Over 105 Fox Valley children were smiling as volunteer dentists, hygienists and assistants at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic (TCCDC) and 17 local dental offices provided free dental care to TCCDC children. February 4 was Give Kids a Smile Day (GKS) where volunteers, assisted by Fox Valley Technical College dental hygiene and assisting students, performed over \$16,000 of services. Care included exams, cleanings, restorations and root canals.

Each child received oral health care instructions and materials. Hygienists reinforced the need for good oral health habits with each parent. Crest's Healthy Smiles program donated a spin brush, toothpaste and educational material for those at the Clinic. Others provided dental supplies and equipment at all locations.

Donald Driver, Green Bay Packer, was homeless for a time as a child and is Wisconsin's GKS 2005 honorary chairman. He states "Youngsters need healthy teeth and gums if they're going to be able to eat and sleep well and pay attention in school."

GKS is an American and Wisconsin Dental Association sponsored volunteer program to provide oral health care to low-income children. It is held in February as part of National Dental Health month. Wisconsin dental professionals, students and faculty, and other volunteers donated over \$500,000 of care in 2005.



With an atmosphere of Kindness... Compassion... Giving and Respect

Message from the president

By Tim Brown, DDS

Dear Friends of TCCDC,

Our statistics show us that we are far surpassing our initial goals of treatment on our Medicaid and low income patients. Although this would not be possible without the very generous commitment and efforts of our volunteer dentists, the staff and I would like to recognize our other volunteers who are essential to the success of TCCDC. Our volunteer dental hygienists are an integral part of treating patients and in preventive education. Our volunteer dental assistants help our dentists treat patients and assist our staff with instrument sterilization and preparation of our treatment rooms. Our community volunteers contribute in many ways: helping prepare reports and grants, filing of patient records, and telephone calls to patients, volunteers and donors. Please see the list of our volunteers in this issue. If you would like to volunteer at TCCDC, please give our Director, Barb Uehling, a call at 920-882-9989.



Our volunteer dentists report that working with Marquette University School of Dentistry Residents and Dental students, and FVTC Dental Hygiene and Assisting students, has been enjoyable and exceeds our expectations. The students are enthusiastic, hard working, knowledgeable and skilled. They have shown an eagerness to practice in a caring manner which so aptly demonstrates our philosophy of treating our patients with "kindness, compassion, giving and respect". Marquette University and FVTC faculty and staff are also very happy with the relationship. They report that the students enjoy their days at TCCDC and find the experience very rewarding. This all adds up to be a win/win/win situation for our volunteers, students and certainly for the patients we treat.

Your support through financial and in-kind donations, along with several government and private grants, has allowed us to provide services to so many in our community. Thank you! We know that in order to continue to increase the number of patients we treat (the need is enormous) we will need to continue to fund raise for equipment, staffing and operational expenses. Please consider continued financial or in-kind donations to TCCDC.

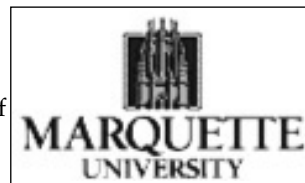
Student Partnerships

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic is a unique combination of volunteers and students treating patients without easy access to care. Marquette University (MU), Wisconsin's only dental school, strives to provide its students with outreach experiences at clinics throughout the state. Each week four different students spend three days treating patients at TCCDC. They are mentored by five or more volunteer general and specialist dentists. The students praise their experience here and are learning a great deal. They appreciate working in an

environment similar to a regular office and being able to discuss cases and techniques with different dentists.

We are also privileged to have one MU Advanced General Dentistry resident dentist with us two days a week. Each of the five licensed dentists spend over two months at TCCDC gaining experience by treating patients and working with the various volunteers.

Fox Valley Technical College's dental hygiene and dental assisting students work at the Clinic as part of their practicum. The assisting students enjoy the fast paced



environment and learning from many volunteers. Their presence truly increases the number of patients the dentists can treat each day. Many of the assisting and hygiene students volunteer beyond their school requirements. In fact, all of this year's graduating hygiene students volunteered during the Head Start and Give Kids a Smile Day programs.

We are grateful for our partnerships with these educational institutions. We know these students will continue to give of their special gifts to help serve others in need.



1. Senator Herb Kohl during his February visit to the clinic.
2. Volunteer dentist Jim Springborn and staff Dental Assistant Jaime Kadlec with a patient
3. Office volunteer Jane Erickson
4. Office volunteer Jill Seidl helping develop a Power Point presentation.
5. Volunteer hygienist Sarah Medaisie and volunteer dental assistant Jill Rickert with a young patient.

Volunteers Keep Us Smiling



Support TCCDC

Make Giving Routine

Some causes are so good that supporting them once is not enough. You can help Tri-County Community Dental Clinic in several ways. You can contribute directly to TCCDC, our TCCDC General Fund and TCCDC Endowment Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region (CFFVR) in a number of ways:

- Cash: send to TCCDC or CFFVR*
- Credit card: call CFFVR* or give on-line at www.cffoxvalley.org
- Automatic deduction from your bank account—contact CFFVR*
- Matching gifts from your employer—send form with your contribution to TCCDC or CFFVR*
- Stock and real estate—contact CFFVR* for instructions
- Charitable bequest in your will—contact your attorney and/or TCCDC or CFFVR*

Gifts will be directed for general use unless the endowment fund is specified.

*CFFVR—(920)831-1290
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Make Giving Last Forever

A gift to TCCDC's Endowment Fund enables you to extend your charitable support forever. We are able to use the interest on the Fund while the principal remains as a permanent source of income. This income helps cover administrative costs and provides more stability to weather difficult times.

If you would like to learn more about the different ways you can contribute, contact Barb Uehling at 882-9989 or at budental@tds.net.

Head Start Award

TCCDC received the 2004 "Achieving Excellence Award" from the Wisconsin Head Start Association. The clinic was selected because of its partnership with UW-Oshkosh's Head Start programs. Through the effort of volunteer dentists, hygienists, assistants, students and others, more than 250 Head Start children were provided free dental exams, fillings and oral health education.

Leading the collaboration was: Diana Aronson, RN BSN, Head Start Health Services Manager; Joan Rohrer, RDH BS, FVTC Dental Hygiene Department Chair; Ellen Metko, RDH; Dr. Lisa Lang-Riegel, Clinic Vice President, and Clinic staff.

Would you like to volunteer at TCCDC?

For more information, please contact Barb Uehling at 920-882-9989 or budental@tds.net.

Was your name misspelled or omitted?

Please accept our apology and contact Barb Uehling at 920-882-9989 or budental@tds.net and we will correct our mistake.