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COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC



2009 Annual Report



A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic,

On behalf of the WCCDC staff, board of directors and patients, I thank all of you who have believed in and provided initial support to our project. Your donations have helped build the clinic, purchase equipment and supplies, and have allowed us to provide affordable dental care and education to more than 3000 children, plus emergency dental care to more than 1000 adults.



Improving oral health is an important means of advancing overall health for the Waukesha County community. The Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic (WCCDC) opened in May 2008 with a mission to provide comprehensive dental care to children, and to treat dental emergencies for adults. By establishing this dental clinic, essential dental health services became available to a severely underserved population. The impact on the community has been very positive. Low income children now have access to affordable, preventive dental care, including dental hygiene visits, dental sealants, and fluoride treatments, which result in decreased dental decay, better school attendance and performance. Additionally, adults have access to a clinic for dental emergencies, which results in better work attendance and performance, and fewer hospital emergency room visits.

The WCCDC has become more than just a dental clinic. It is an organizational home for community outreach and oral health prevention programs conducted in collaboration with community partners. Projects include prevention and education programs for children, pregnant women, and mothers with young children, and fluoride rinse/varnish programs. The WCCDC is also as an offsite classroom for dental hygiene and dental assisting students.

Just 50% of our costs are covered by program fees, and the remainder depends on donations and grants. As we continue to serve low income individuals in Waukesha County, and as the costs of providing services continue to increase, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please help us ensure that people who live in our community receive the dental care they desperately need by making a donation to the WCCDC.

Thank you for helping make more smiles healthy in Waukesha County!

Renee Ramirez
Executive Director,
Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic

WCCDC Staff

Renee Ramirez – Executive Director
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A Letter from our Board Chairman

The Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic Board of Directors is forever grateful for your generous support of the clinic.

As we say thank you to our donors who provide financial support, it is fitting to recognize the work of the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic, which just completed its second year of operation. To date the value of dental treatment provided has been \$1.9 Million. More than 4,000 individual patients have been served, representing nearly 9,000 appointments. 73% of the patients are under the age of 19. All are indigent and fall at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Without this clinic, most if not all, of these patients would not have had access to oral health care. The response to the clinic has been truly remarkable.

You have helped make this Community Dental Clinic a reality. With the assistance of your generous donations, the clinic was provided start up funds and three years of operating capital. After two years in business, it is clear that the clinic has been managed in a fashion that will allow it to operate for years beyond the start up funds provided.

But as you know, reimbursement for this care remains meager. It is your continued support that makes this clinic an ongoing reality and valued community asset. Just seeing the smiles on the children's faces makes it all worthwhile.

We invite you to come and see your clinic and experience first hand what your contributions have created.



The clinic is state of the art. The care rendered is of the highest quality. The professional, clinical and administrative staffs are exceptional. You will experience the value this clinic provides our community. You will leave with a sense of pride for what your contributions have accomplished. You will be convinced that your community dental clinic deserves your continued support now and in the future.

We would also like to thank WCCDC's volunteers for giving their time to help meet part of the community's need for dental care. By supporting the Community Dental Clinic, you are helping to ensure that our clinic continues to help low-income families, especially children, improve their oral health; creating a brighter future for families who live and work in our community. Your donation is helping to break the cycle of poor oral health, one patient at a time.

Sincerely,

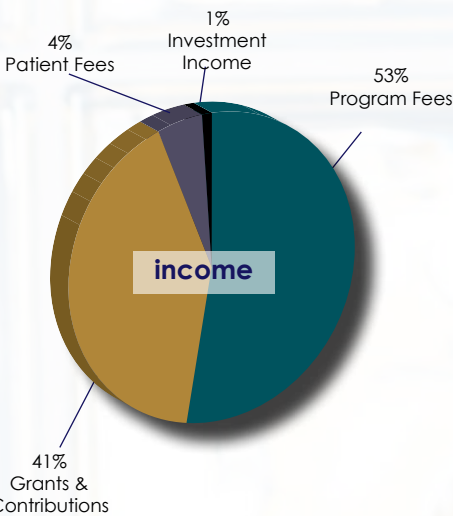
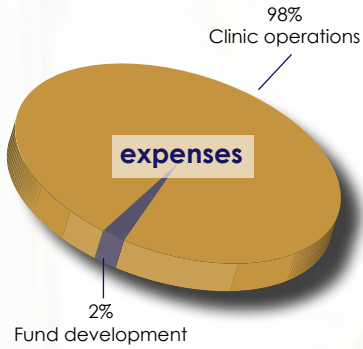
Daniel D'Angelo, DDS
Board Chairman

EACH MONTH ON AVERAGE THE CLINIC SERVES:

- 400 appointments for dental care
- 200 patients receive restorative care
- 162 patients receive hygiene care
- 100 new patients served
- 70 patients needing emergency care



2009 Financial Highlights



SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2009

5922 diagnostic procedures, including x-rays and exams

5988 preventative procedures including hygiene, sealants, fluoride, and oral hygiene instruction

2612 restorative procedures were performed

165 endodontic procedures (root canals and pulpotomies)

201 periodontic procedures including scaling, root planing, and full mouth debridements performed

802 oral surgery procedures

52 other dental services

Local volunteers provide dental care to low-income children

Twenty five Waukesha County dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants, along with the staff of the WCCDC helped make the American Dental Association and Wisconsin Dental Association's eighth annual Give Kids A Smile® children's dental access program a success by providing 50 children with an estimated \$13,000 in free dental care and oral health education on Friday, February 5, 2010.



Some 350 dentists statewide, along with 934 dental team members, dental, hygiene and assisting students and faculty and community advocates, volunteered their time and skills to donate more than \$719,000 in oral health care and education to 6,253 low-income children on behalf of Give Kids A Smile throughout February's National Children's Dental Health Month.

Local GKAS partners included Waukesha County Dental Society, the School District of Waukesha, and ProHealth Care, Inc.

Tending to the oral health needs of our communities' youth is an important and growing issue. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease affecting American children – five times more common than asthma. The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research reports that 80 percent of tooth decay is found in just 25 percent of children, the majority of whom are in low-income families.

It is critical to be proactive with treatment as moderate tooth decay during childhood restricts physical development, decreases the ability to learn and requires frequent emergency room visits and hospitalization. In some cases, untreated oral disease has been linked to catastrophic illness and even death.

"Give Kids A Smile events help get thousands of Wisconsin's children out of

dental pain and infection, while continuing to raise awareness of the need to increase access to dental care for our state's low-income residents," says Renee Ramirez, Executive Director. "We must all – dentists, lawmakers, patients and oral health advocates – work together toward long-term, viable solutions to this health crisis."

Thank you to those volunteers who helped make this event a huge success!

Volunteer dentists: Dr. Dennis Abere, Dr. Kate Gilson, Dr. Paul Nemcek, Dr. Gene Shoemaker, Dr. Jon Melk, Dr. Shonna Jorgensen, and Dr. Bernie Bayer

Volunteer hygienists: included Lisa Bahr, Gaye Gotto, Jacqueline Hauser, Monica Brand Balfi, Jody Lundell, Ellen Schleicher, Jayne Finn, Jenny Knas, Kim Johns, and Cecilia Boelter.

Community volunteers: Charlie Gray, Kelly Brenner, and Jen Taylor.

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The WCCDC continues to work with a broad-based organization of partner agencies, all of which are interested in improving oral health and access to dental care in Waukesha County. The WCCDC partners with:

- Dr. Ken Schellhase from Medical College of Wisconsin and Waukesha Family Practice and the 3 year project entitled "Waukesha Smiles: Dental Outreach to Low Income Waukesha Children". This project is sharing the dental clinic's hygienist in 3rd grade classrooms throughout the district to repeat the 3rd grade assessment and provide referral information to families. In addition, it's a cross-over design in which half of the schools also received monthly educational sessions from the hygienist.
- The Waukesha County Dental Society, the School District of Waukesha to provide the Give Kids A Smile program in Waukesha, targeting teens who had never had access to a dentist.
- The Pregnancy Support Connection, Hispanic Health Resource Center, Waukesha County Public Health Department, and Head Start, to provide dental care and education low income pregnant women.
- St. Joe's Dental Clinic staff and volunteers, sharing dental clinic space to increase access to dental hygiene for low income adults during twice a month evening cleaning sessions.
- The Waukesha School District, Waukesha Memorial Community Outreach nurses and the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin partner to provide oral health education, screenings, and sealants through the Smiles for Waukesha program.
- Waukesha County Technical College dental hygiene and dental assisting program students. WCTC students use the clinic as an offsite classroom, providing dental hygiene and oral health education to pregnant women.