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- Tell your friends about Community Dental Care!
- Make a financial contribution.
- Leave a Legacy and put Community Dental Care in your will.
- Share this newsletter with a friend, family member, or colleague!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Learn more, find resources, and meet some caring employees, interpreters, and patients on our website: www.cdenc.org

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We are Thankful for You

We believe that everyone deserves access to health care - which includes dental care. We are thankful for all of **YOU** who make this possible. We are grateful for our incredible team of 260 staff who work together to serve over 110,000 patient visits annually. We provide comprehensive dental care for people in need of all ages at our dental clinics across Minnesota. We thank our Board of Directors for their support and guidance as we deliver on our mission to serve the underserved. Our work is supported through the generosity of donors like **YOU**, whose contributions make dental care more accessible for all.



Your support makes a difference— thank you!

Karen Flanagan Kleinhans, MHA
 Chief Executive Officer

Celebrating a Year of Service in Buffalo

Thank you to all of the community leaders, elected officials, funders, individual donors, patients, local hospitals, health plan representatives and community members who joined us to celebrate Community Dental Care’s 1-Year Anniversary on October 27, 2023. In just one year, the new Buffalo clinic provided comprehensive dental care for 12,318 patient visits! The vast majority (91%) of the patients we served are enrolled in public programs. Like all of our clinics, the Buffalo clinic accepts walk-in urgent/emergency dental care, reducing the burden on local hospitals. In the first year of operation, the Buffalo clinic served 1,721 urgent/emergency patient visits.

“Bringing the new Community Dental Care clinic to Wright County has provided our citizens with accessible, affordable and top-quality dental care. Families who struggled to find a dental home have now found one in Buffalo!”
 - Jami Goodrum, HHS Director, Wright County

Community Dental Care is delighted to continue our partnership with Wright County to serve the oral health needs of people throughout central Minnesota for many years to come!

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Jayden's Story

We met Jayden during an emergency dental appointment. Jayden started a new job and explained he did not have dental insurance. Jayden shared he was struggling financially and avoiding the dentist due to his anxiety about not being able to afford services. Dental care and dental hygiene was not a priority for Jayden. He avoided the dentist at all cost - even when he felt throbbing pain, he assumed dental treatment would be too expensive.

Eventually, the pain had worsened and Jayden could not wait any longer. He arrived at our clinic with a largely swollen mouth – his left cheek was sensitive to touch and he had difficulty chewing. Jayden described the pain as “extremely painful” and admitted it had been over 10 years since his last dental visit.

Jayden had tremendous dental disease. Upon examination, our kind and caring dentist reported rampant tooth decay (cavities). The decay was so severe that the tooth structure on four teeth were completely



eroded. Four additional teeth had deep cavities approaching the pulp. Two molar teeth on the left side had abscesses.

Because generous donors like you give to our Care Grant Fund, Jayden received a care grant to cover his exam, x-rays and three extractions. Jayden was elated! “Thank you for taking care of me when I needed help. I was embarrassed because I know I have bad teeth. But everyone was nice and patient with me when I was really nervous. Thank you for everything!” said Jayden.

We strive to make dental care more affordable and we simply could not do so without your support. Because you donate, you give patients like Jayden access to dental care to improve their oral and overall health.

Expanding our Capacity in the West Metro



Community Dental Care is thrilled to announce that we are expanding access to dental care in the West Metro. We are relocating our Robbinsdale clinic to Crystal, where we will open a much larger clinic in the Crystal Medical Center, located at 5700 Bottineau Blvd. This new location is only 3.5 miles northwest of the current clinic, and is adjacent to the planned light rail Blue Line. The \$3M project will expand our capacity by 65%, allowing us to more quickly see the over 3,500 patients waiting for appointments throughout

the year. The new 14 operatory clinic will serve 18,000 patient visits per year. Expanding our capacity will allow us to better serve existing and new patients of all ages with culturally-sensitive, comprehensive dental care.

Your donation to the new Crystal Clinic will help us to deliver critically important dental care to those who need us. [Please consider making a contribution to ensure people will have access to comprehensive, quality health care today.](#)

Your Contribution Makes a Difference



In September of this year, Community Dental Care installed a donor wall in the new Buffalo clinic reception area to recognize all who contributed to building and opening the Buffalo clinic. Local and state government, foundations, health care organizations, businesses and individuals collectively contributed nearly \$1.2 million! The donor wall is a permanent reminder of the many donors who made this dream a reality. Thank you for your investment to improve the oral health for children and adults in need. We could not do this important work without partners like you!

Give to the Max and Giving Tuesday

Together, we can provide access to dental care for children and adults through over 110,000 patient visits each year. Help ensure we can continue to make a difference in the lives of thousands across Minnesota. Give today or on one of the upcoming giving holidays. Donate online or donate by mail. Send your gift to: Community Dental Care, 1670 Beam Ave, Suite #204, Maplewood, MN 55109



Thursday, 11/16 - Give to the Max
www.givemn.org/organization/Cdentc

Tuesday, 11/28 - Giving Tuesday
www.cdentc.org/donate

\$1,000
 Contribute to the Care Grant fund to provide urgent services for uninsured individuals of all ages



\$500
 Provide a Care Grant for a child with acute dental disease



\$100
 Provide an Emergency Care Grant for an adult in pain

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Our Reach in the Community Thanks to Your Generosity

- Comprehensive dental care provided for 110,000 patient visits annually
- Community prevention programs for children and families in over **40 locations**
- Patients come to our clinics from **73 counties** throughout Minnesota
- **\$1.5 million** in charity care provided annually to individuals in need
- 65% of our staff are from diverse ethnicities and/or **bilingual in 34 languages**

Thank you for sharing in our vision that all people deserve access to high quality, affordable dental care to improve their overall health in a convenient, caring, and respectful environment.