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ALL ARE WELCOME

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

LET'S GET SOCIAL



Wright Smiles for Central Minnesota

Community Dental Care has been working in partnership with Wright County to plan and raise funds to design, build, equip and staff a dental clinic to serve low income people of all ages and abilities in the region. The clinic will provide comprehensive dental care to all people, increasing access to oral health services for thousands of Central MN residents with the most need.

"The new Community Dental Care clinic is the result of a collaborative effort of many in our community and our state. Providing a dental home for the underserved in the new Wright County Government Center will address a long standing public health need in a permanent way for our residents."

Jami Goodrum, Director, Wright County Health and Human Services



The 6,200 square foot clinic will include 12 dental operatories and, once fully staffed, will provide comprehensive dental services for 16,000 patient visits each year.

"We are grateful for the collaborative partnership we have built with Wright County and local health care organizations. We look forward to serving people in need in the region with high quality dental care for years to come."

Karen Flanagan Kleinhans, CEO, Community Dental Care

The state of Minnesota has dedicated \$1.4 million in bond funds to cover the cost of constructing the clinic in the Wright County Government Center. Community Dental Care has raised \$1.1 million to help cover the equipment and start-up costs, funded by generous donations from the Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, UCare, Medica, PrimeWest Health, HealthPartners, Allina Health Buffalo Hospital, CentraCare Monticello Foundation and Initiative Foundation. Community Dental Care is seeking an additional \$200,000 to cover the remaining costs.

[Click to Watch the Wright Smiles for Central Minnesota Video](#)

Community Dental Care

Pints for a Purpose



Join us for a pint at 612 Brew, a locally owned craft brewery tucked in the corner of the historic Broadway Building in the heart of NE Minneapolis.

Date: Friday, June 10
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

612 Brew
945 Broadway St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413

\$1 from every pint will be donated to Community Dental Care. Donate more by purchasing your very own Community Dental Care pint glass!

Bring your friends and family! RSVP appreciated but not required.



Hser's Story



We met 7-year-old Hser through our School-Based Sealant Program. Our collaborative practice dental hygienist observed deep cavities in Hser's mouth. During the visit, Hser complained of pain and pointed to his upper teeth. Due to the severity of cavities, our bilingual health educator called Hser's mother that same afternoon to share the concern and results of Hser's visit at the school.

During the call, we learned that the family had relied on interpreters in the past to schedule appointments, but had lost touch with the interpreter during the pandemic and were unable to seek care.

Our bilingual health educator made an appointment for Hser with one of our dentists for the very next day to treat Hser's urgent need for dental care.

Unfortunately, we see many children like Hser in our clinics and outreach programs who need extensive dental treatment. Many refugees and immigrants suffer from lack of access to proper or routine dental care. Many parents do not understand the dangers of tooth decay that can result in serious, and sometimes life threatening infections. Families like Hser's face a myriad of challenges including language barriers, lack of transportation and fear or uncertainty about dental procedures.

Understanding these challenges, our dentists, assistants and health educators all play an important role in providing culturally sensitive oral health care. Hser has completed several appointments with us and has a referral to our hospital dentistry program this summer to complete his restorations.



What Our Employees Are Saying

"I work at Community Dental Care because everyone is so friendly and fun to work with. They truly put patient care first."
 - Cassie, Dental Assistant

"I work with kids at the hospital for Community Dental Care because it allows all children to be able to get quality care that impacts many other parts of their lives. This is just one part that will help in all children being able to grow up in ways in where their needs are met."
 - Tyler Beinlich, Dentist

"I love serving the community and I love the people I work with."
 - Maggie, Licensed Dental Assistant

Established in 2019, Community Dental Care's Smile Circle recognizes individual donors contributing at least \$1,000 and corporations contributing \$5,000 or more annually. Smile Circle members are Community Dental Care's inner circle of supporters, and have made a sustaining impact on our ability to provide preventive, restorative and emergency dental care to children and adults in need.

Thank you, 2021 Smile Circle Members!

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Please consider joining the Smile Circle to help provide equitable access to dental care for all.

Make your charitable contribution today at www.cdentc.org/donate

Featured in the News

[How a Twin Cities partnership is tackling serious dental issues among refugee and immigrant children](#)

By Andy Steiner, Contributing Writer, MinnPost

[Partnership boosts access to pediatric dental care for Minnesota's refugee and immigrant families](#)

By M Health Fairview



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Our Reach in the Community Thanks to Your Generosity

- Comprehensive dental care provided to **nearly 50,000 people** of all ages each year
- Community prevention programs for kids and families in over **40 locations**
- Patients come to our clinics from **63 counties** throughout Minnesota
- **\$1.5 million** in charity care provided annually to individuals in need
- 65% of our staff are from diverse ethnicities and **bilingual in 25+ languages**

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