Henry Schein Generously Supports Donated Dental Services Program

“Upon hearing that every dollar we contributed to support Donated Dental Services would be matched dollar for dollar up to $25,000, I knew that we needed to explore this opportunity,” stated Brandon Bergman, Regional Manager for Henry Schein Dental. With that challenge in mind, Brandon spoke with his superiors at Henry Schein and together they became the first donors in 2014 to have their dollars doubled by the Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation’s matching grant. Schein donated $2000 to help DDS bring more services to underserved New Mexicans.

Extensive donated dental work is done year round in the offices of 198 dentists across New Mexico for those who would otherwise never be able to afford such extraordinary dental treatment. To date 3.7 million dollars of donated treatment has been done by these amazing dentists since the program’s inception in 2001.

The words of thanks from DDS patient themselves best describe the meaning of the work that is done by Donated Dental Services dentists and laboratories:

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will never forget what you did for me and how you have changed my outlook on life. I am a very happy and grateful person but when you can’t smile there is no reason to be in this wonderful world. Now I can smile again!” Alesia B.

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“I am so happy with what you did for me. I will never forget what you did for me and how you have changed my life. I am a very happy person now and I can smile again!” Donna S.

“These doctors are the nicest people I have ever known. I love them. I am so grateful to everyone. I was so frightened for so long. Now I can chew, look in the mirror, and stop being in so much physical and emotional pain. Thanks so much.” Bob M.

“You are so helpful to me and now I can smile!” Alice L.

“My smile is back! Thank you so much for all you did for me.” Mary C.

“Thank you for helping me get my teeth fixed. I can eat again and I am so happy!” Margaret H.

“Our teeth are a million times better now! Thank you so much!” Iris L.

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“In July 2006 the New Mexico Dental Foundation began administering the New Mexico Dental Relief Fund. This fund had previously been handled by the New Mexico Dental Association. The Relief Fund was created by dentists who up until 7 years ago voluntarily donated to it at the time they paid their annual NMDA dues.

At the State level, this fund assists on a short term basis dentists who are experiencing practice threatening situations. These situations have historically included serious illness, fires, or weather related disasters. Assistance has been provided both to New Mexico dentists as well as victims of national disasters such as dentists who lost their practices in the storms in Joplin, Missouri, and to those who suffered from SuperStorm Sandy on the East Coast several years ago.

At the National level, the ADA Charitable Assistance Fund also assists New Mexico dentists and their families who continue to need some financial assistance related to personal tragedy or natural disaster.

If you know of a colleague who might benefit from these funds or if you would like more information about them, please contact Linda Paul, NMDF Executive Director, at (505) 298-7206 or lpaul@nmdental.org.
COMING FULL CIRCLE

Growing up in Albuquerque Dr. John Antonio, Jr. dreamed of furthering his education and one day practicing dentistry back home in New Mexico. “Dentistry was a profession I chose to pursue in order to treat the underserved populations of New Mexico with quality evidence based dental care.”

Dr. Antonio not only gained admittance to UNM but went on to found the Pre-Dental Society at UNM and serve as its first President! From there he continued his dental education at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

Today Dr. Antonio has come full circle, returning to New Mexico and currently is the Dental Director at the Presbyterian Medical Services Farmington Community Health Center in Farmington, New Mexico.

That is the exact outcome that the New Mexico Dental Foundation strives for as they host the Albuquerque Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner each year! More New Mexico students returning to practice dentistry within their own state and community is THE best outcome ever! New Mexican dentists serving New Mexicans means increased access to dental care!

The University of New Mexico Pre-Dental Society has come a long way since its humble beginning in the years 2000/2001. Each year since then, the Society has grown to match the incredible needs of aspiring Pre-Dental students at UNM. Since that time Pre-Dental Societies have formed at many other universities across New Mexico as well. Students attending the Pre-Dent Dinners in Albuquerque attend from New Mexico State University, Eastern New Mexico State, Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico Tech in Socorro, as well as the University of New Mexico!

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“At this time I would like to thank all those involved with New Mexico Pre-Dental Societies for their continued support, financial contribution, mentorship, guidance, and encouragement. Without you all, none of what we have accomplished would be possible,” states Dr. Antonio. “We as dentists need to continue to support and mentor those who seek out our great profession of dentistry. My hope is that the seed planted in 2000 and 2001 at UNM will continue to help produce outstanding dentists who are committed to returning to New Mexico to practice and serve their communities.” Coming full circle is important and continues to be an important part of the New Mexico Dental Foundation’s mission.

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TEAM:
Public Relations

CINDY HERNANDEZ-WALL
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The month of April is filled with activity as the NM MOM Central New Mexico Public Relations team is working on getting out the word to volunteers for this year’s event. If you are tuned in to local news outlets there’s a good chance you’re hearing about our push to get volunteers signed up and registered for our upcoming NM MOM. Our Public Relations Chair, Cindy Hernandez-Wall along with committee member, Michael Moxey, have been hitting the air waves announcing the need for community volunteers. The push to get publicity for volunteers is important right now as we prepare for New Mexico’s largest charity event! Michael Moxey stated, “I have been fortunate to participate in the last two NM MOMs and to see the generosity of the dentists and volunteers reflected in the smiles of those whose lives they have helped change. I am looking forward to working with Cindy and the rest of the team to help make the 2014 NM MOM the most successful yet.”

Dr. John Crisler. The planning for New Mexico’s largest charity event is well underway!

Please plan to attend the PRE-DENT MENTOR DINNER
Friday, September 26th
and consider sponsoring the event as well.
A flyer to accompany your sponsorship check appears separately in this Newsletter.

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