Our Reach in the Community

Thanks to Your Generosity

• Comprehensive dental care provided to nearly 50,000 people of all ages each year
• Community outreach for kids and families in over 60 locations
• Patients come to our clinics from 63 counties throughout Minnesota
• $1.5 million in charity care provided annually to individuals in need
• Over 25 languages are spoken by our diverse team of providers and staff

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.
We’re Thankful for You

As we approach the holiday season, we are so thankful for all of YOU who support our mission to provide culturally sensitive oral health care, preventive education, professional training and to advocate for access for all. You make access to critically important dental care a reality for so many families in need. We could not do what we do without YOUR support. THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity.

Karen Flanagan Kleinhans, MHA
CEO, Community Dental Care

Thank You Volunteers!

More than 85 people signed up to volunteer to pack oral hygiene kits as part of Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels at our Maplewood Clinic on October 14th and 15th. Our packing event was so successful, we completed all 4,000 oral hygiene kits in only FOUR HOURS! Thank you to all who volunteered, including students, Board members, community leaders, employees and partners! We are amazed and grateful for the outpouring of support for families in need!
Eh La’s Story

Meet 6-year-old Eh La. When he walked in with his mother, he was visibly in pain. He wasn’t sleeping and missed two days of school.

Eh La put on a brave face as he slowly made his way into the chair and stared at our dentist with tears in his eyes.

Eh La had deep cavities that resulted in a large abscess. An abscess, left untreated, can spread infection throughout a child’s entire body.

Our dentist explained to Eh La’s mother the condition of her son’s tooth and showed her the cause of Eh La’s restless nights in pain.

Eh La’s mother was worried she couldn’t pay for Eh La’s treatment. Through a gift from a generous donor, we were able to provide treatment at no cost to the family. Now, he has a healthy mouth and can return to school to learn.

Like you, we believe everyone deserves a healthy smile.

If you believe everyone deserves a healthy, happy life, starting with good oral health – make YOUR gift today.

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*Photo and name have been changed to protect the identity of the patient.*
Donor Spotlight:
Drs. Andrew and Vacharee Peterson

Founders of Community Dental Care, Dr. Andrew and Dr. Vacharee Peterson have been long time donors. They began their practice in 1982 with one dental chair and a mission to deliver care to underserved communities, especially new immigrant, refugee and low-income families.

When asked why they support the organization, Dr. Peterson said, “Because they do good work for the community. A verse I would like to share is Proverbs 11:24-25, ‘One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

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Dr. Peterson stated, “I dream to have a cavity free world and it starts small. Brushing is most important—and especially for everyone NOT to go to bed with dirty teeth. It starts with babies and toddlers, but this message can be for everyone.” Dr. Peterson’s passion is to prevent disease in children and is the driving force behind her work. Their legacy and vision continues to live through the staff, volunteers, board and donors of Community Dental Care.

Give to the Max 2019

Minnesota’s giving holiday is back on November 14, 2019. Last year, more than 70,000 people gave $21 million to their favorite causes during Give to the Max, a new generosity record! Community Dental Care will be participating again this year. You can also make a gift by visiting www.cdentc.org/donate.