



CASS COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC:
PATIENT FOCUS

Janelle Hernandez brought her 14-year-old daughter Emilia and her 11-year-old daughter Annie into Cass County Dental Clinic for appointments in June. Janelle and her husband Gerson have been bringing their six children to the clinic since December 2015.

“I had to quit my job in 2015. The cost of child care wasn’t worth it. Unfortunately, my husband’s insurance isn’t helpful. This clinic has helped us tremendously with expenses.”



BREAKING RECORDS

Cass Community Health Foundation’s 23rd Annual 5K Walk/Run for Health raised nearly \$58,000 in net proceeds, \$10,000 more than last year’s event.

The 5K offered a brand new way to raise funds for Cass County youth by including a timed race. Runners paid a registration fee to participate. Walkers were encouraged to form teams and raise pledges to support their participation.

Top fundraising teams were Cass County Dental Clinic, Belton Regional Medical Center, Lifegoals Planning Group and Scott Elementary from the Belton School District. Kevin Wood, retired mayor of Harrisonville, chaired the event. Chase Coffman, NFL tight end, Missouri Hall of Famer and Ray-Pec High School graduate served as honorary chair.



The 5K, presented by Belton Regional Medical Center and Cosentino’s Price Chopper, benefited the Cass County Dental Clinic and scholarships for high school seniors interested in a health care career. It began and ended at Belton Regional Medical Center. The event was followed by Belton Regional Medical Center’s annual health fair and a celebration with food, provided by Cosentino’s Price Chopper, music and other activities. Next year’s 5K for Health is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Haley Bossert discovered her passion for nursing through a life-changing injury. She graduated from Raymore-Peculiar High School in May and is the recipient of our Daniel F. Sheehan Nursing Scholarship, an award of \$2,500. Read her story at casscommunityhealth.org.



Cass Community Health Foundation is investing in the future Cass County youth interested in health care.

\$33,750 in scholarships

24 students from the Cass County area

Awarding high school seniors from:

- Archie
- Belton
- Cass Midway
- Drexel
- Harrisonville
- Pleasant Hill
- Raymore-Peculiar
- Sherwood Cass
- Grandview

Donate to scholarships for high school seniors at casscommunityhealth.org.

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-Dr. Sky Kurlbaum



A DENTIST WITH A CALLING

Dr. Scuyler "Sky" Kurlbaum was raised in Kansas City, Kansas surrounded by a family in the dental field. His grandfather ran a dental lab, his mother worked in dental sales and his aunt is a dental hygienist. He grew up valuing oral hygiene and adopted dental skills at a very young age.

"My mom would have me clean my little brothers' and sisters' teeth. I would polish them. It was just practice. So I knew I wanted to be a dentist for a long time."

His childhood started on a farm in Wyandotte County near the river. After his dad accepted a job in Shawnee, Sky's family kept their farm, but moved into the Shawnee school district. As he attended Shawnee Mission East High School, he kept in touch with his the friends he made before the move. Sky says that his connection to a lower-income area like Wyandotte County helped him better understand the differences between his two childhood homes.

"In high school, I related more to my friends from Wyandotte County. It felt more real, so I've always been interested in returning to a community like that."

In his two years at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) dental clinic, he saw a diverse patient population and it reminded him that serving needier communities was important to him.

"I was looking for a job that would carry that on. As a dentist, it's rewarding to help anyone. But it feels different when you know the person needs your help."

Our latest addition to the Cass County Dental Clinic staff, Sky is a recent graduate from the dental school at UMKC where he took his progress seriously. He was a member of Prosthodontics Honors and had the highest level of productivity among his classmates.

"I worked really hard in school so that when I got to this moment, I would be ready. I'm prepared and quick to acclimate. I don't want to miss a beat. If we can help more people that would make me happy."

Sky's adaptability and passion for dentistry is an excellent fit for Cass County Dental Clinic. His work ethic and desire to help others will allow our clinic be more effective in improving the oral hygiene of our thousands of patients.

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