

## CASS COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC CARES

*Family finds happiness at Harrisonville Clinic*



**Jayden and Hailey Hetrick** just started a brand new school year with brand new smiles. Amanda Hetrick, the second and fourth graders' mother, brought her two children into Cass County Dental Clinic in Harrisonville, along with her one-year-old daughter McKinley, in early August. While the kids may not have been excited to return to the classroom, they didn't mind visiting the dentist.

"They are really nice. They tell me what to do with my teeth. I feel like other dentists might not care as much. They really care about me," Jayden responded after being asked what he liked the most about visiting the Clinic.

The Hetricks live in Harrisonville but began making appointments at the Clinic in Belton in 2014. They transferred to the Harrisonville location when the Clinic opened in July 2015.



"It is so convenient for our family. We live so close. We load up the car and drive around the corner. It takes two minutes," Amanda said.

Making dentist appointments hasn't always been as easy. Amanda tried several dentists in the area and couldn't find a good match for her family.

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"There are not many dentists who accept Medicaid, so we came to the Cass County Dental Clinic. We aren't going anywhere now. They are friendly and very nice to my kids. They really take their time to explain the right way to floss and brush. They show that they care."

Amanda plans on being long-term patients as well.

"McKinley just turned one, but I have already made an appointment for her."

The Harrisonville Clinic has been a great resource and experience for all of the Hetricks. Hailey mentioned the icing on the cake.

"We get a prize when the dentist is done."

# MEET THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

*Cass County 2016 high school graduates awarded scholarships*

## Cass Community Health Foundation

(CCHF) is supporting the future of health care. A total of 25 students from the Cass County area planning to pursue careers in the health field were awarded \$32,000 in scholarships in May. CCHF provides scholarships to seniors from Cass County high schools interested in nursing or other health related degrees. Students should apply by March 1.



*Katie Hatfield is the 2016 Daniel F. Sheehan Nursing Scholarship recipient, an award of \$2,500. Hatfield was a senior at Raymore-Peculiar High School planning to study nursing at the University of Central Missouri.*



*Kristen Koch is the John Foster Community Service Health Career Scholarship recipient, an award of \$750. Koch was a graduating senior at Harrisonville High School pursuing pharmacy.*

**"I want my career to mean more than just a paycheck. I want to make an impact on others' lives and I hope they will make an impact on mine. I am excited to join a field that is focusing on the overall wellness of our communities."**  
-Kristen Koch

## WALKING FOR DENTAL HEALTH IN CASS COUNTY

*Walk for Health raises \$47,000 for Cass County Dental Clinic.*



**Cass Community Health Foundation** (CCHF) hosted another successful Walk for Health Saturday, May 7. More than 300 community members helped raise a net income of nearly \$47,000 for the Cass County Dental Clinic (CCDC).

Participants of the 22nd Annual Walk for Health were asked to collect pledges to benefit the dental clinics in Belton and Harrisonville, the only safety net dental clinics in Cass County serving low-income youth.

"The Cass County Dental Clinic serves thousands of children in the county and we are grateful to area civic clubs, banks, schools, hospitals and businesses willing to contribute to our cause," Cynthia Randazzo, CCHF president, said.

Top fundraising teams include Belton Regional Medical Center, Scott Elementary from the Belton School District and Cass County Dental Clinic.

The annual Walk for Health consists of a four-mile walk that begins and ends at Belton Regional Medical Center. The walk is followed by a health fair, sponsored by Belton Regional Medical Center, and celebration, sponsored by Cosentino's Price Chopper, with food, music and children's activities.

"I was very impressed with the turnout at this year's walk," Amy Castle, CCDC practice manager said. "Thanks to our friends in Cass County, we raised nearly \$47,000 for the dental clinic. Not only is this level of community support important to the dental health of our children, but it made for a fun and exciting day."

Visit [theresearchfoundationkc.org/CassCommunity](http://theresearchfoundationkc.org/CassCommunity) for more information about the Walk for Health and the Clinic.

