

Cass County Dental Clinic Treats Underserved Children

Tara has been bringing five of her children to the Cass County Dental Clinic since the opening in 2011. Many children do not enjoy visiting the dentist, or for that matter, brushing their teeth. This is not the case for Tara's children. Because she has been bringing them to the Clinic for so long, she says they are very diligent about taking care of their teeth.



Joelle, 9, is treated at Cass County Dental Clinic along with 4 of her brothers and sisters.

Tara said, "I like the fact that my kids have no worries when coming here. I never have to calm them down when I say we're going to the dentist. They say 'okay! Let me brush my teeth!'"

Cass County Dental Clinic, the first and only full-time safety net dental clinic in Cass County, employs two dentists, a hygienist and dental assistants to maximize the amount of patients seen.

Through community contributions and grants, Cass County Dental Clinic treated 1,847 Medicaid and low-income uninsured children and adolescents through 4,450 dental visits in 2013.

Tara not only appreciates the services at the Cass County Dental Clinic, but also the staff. "The staff is awesome. They all have a great attitude and are very helpful," said Tara.

Tara and her family appreciate many aspects of the Cass County Dental Clinic, but most of all they appreciate the consistency and communication from the staff and overall improved oral health.

"Their teeth are healthy, they always have their x-rays and we know what's going on," said Tara. "I didn't have that as a kid so I try to make sure my children do."



Lilly, 7, sees Marquita Harris, Dental Assistant at Cass County Dental Clinic for her six month check-up.

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Family Utilizes Cass County Dental Clinic for All Their Dental Needs

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Cass County Dental Clinic provides various services to children and adolescents from birth to age 20 in Cass County. These services include x-rays, exams, fillings, extractions, crowns, cleanings, sealants and fluoride varnish.

To learn more about the Cass County Dental Clinic, call 816-322-7600 or visit Cass Community Health Foundation's website at [www.thereserachfoundation.org/Cass Community](http://www.thereserachfoundation.org/CassCommunity).

20th Annual Walk For Health a Success!

The Cass Community Health Foundation's 2014 Walk for Health was a success! The event was held on June 7th. The walk raised over \$36,000 in net proceeds to support the Cass County Dental Clinic and Cass Community Health Foundation scholarship program. Participants and volunteers faced inclement weather to support Cass County's first and only full time safety-net dental clinic.

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ferred include: x-rays, sealants, cleanings, fillings, extractions, crowns, exams and fluoride varnish.

Cynthia Randazzo, President & CEO of Cass Community Health Foundation said "Thank you to walk participants, volunteers and the community for helping Cass Community Health Foundation provide oral care to underserved children and adolescents in Cass County. The 20th Annual Walk for Health was a success!"

To see more photos of the Walk for Health visit the Cass Community Health Foundation Facebook page!

Participants start the walk despite the inclement weather.



Co-chairs of the event, Jacob Young, D.D.S.(L) and Terry Myers, D.D.S.(R) with Katie Schroeder, RDH.

Event Sponsor, Clarence Simmons D.D.S and his family enjoyed the event to benefit Cass County Dental Clinic.



Cloudy Skies don't stop participants from completing the 4-mile Walk For Health.