



Cass Community Health Foundation

Serving the youth of Cass County

Cass County Dental Clinic makes dental care accessible to Raymore family



Charity Pennington receives treatment from Dr. Bhavna Kapoor.



Hope Pennington smiles after a visit to the Belton clinic.

A typical family dental visit for Steve and Lucinda Pennington required getting their six children into the car, driving 30 minutes from Raymore, Missouri to Kansas City and waiting in the dental office all day as each of their children, ages 11 months to 20 years-old, were treated.

Since the opening of the Cass County Dental Clinic (CCDC) in Belton, Missouri, the Pennington's dental care has become much more accessible. Receiving care at the Belton clinic has reduced the family's travel time 30-40 minutes and doesn't require an entire day of planning. "Having the clinic here in our

community is a lot more convenient," said Steve Pennington as he shared the story of when his daughter, Serenity, needed immediate dental work. "I'm not sure other places could have gotten her in so fast in an emergency situation."

The Pennington's learned of the clinic through their pediatrician and were in for an appointment in late October. "They really know their patients here. We aren't just in and out for our appointment. We talk and get to know the staff," said Steve. When asked if he would encourage donating to the clinic, Steve said, "It's a tremendous cause. It is a great benefit for the community. I don't think you could find a better cause to donate to."

Dental screenings in 25 local schools

During the 2014-2015 school year, Cass Community Health Foundation (CCHF) expanded its dental screening program to include nine school districts including Archie, Belton, Drexel, East Lynne, Grandview, Harrisonville, Midway, Raymore-Peculiar and Strasburg. The Adrian, Belton and Harrisonville Head Start Programs also participated in the program.

Local dentists, hygienists and community members volunteered their time at 25 area schools, screening 2,739 students with 1,060 children receiving the preventive fluoride varnish treatments. Approximately 23% of kids screened had untreated tooth decay.

For more information, visit theresearchfoundationkc.org/CassCommunity.



Bhavin Parbhu, volunteer and member of the Pre-Dental Society at UMKC, applies fluoride varnish on a child in Harrisonville.

Scholarship eligibility to be expanded in 2016

In 2015, Cass Community Health Foundation (CCHF) awarded \$52,500 to seniors from Belton, Grandview and Raymore-Peculiar high schools. CCHF is expanding its support of Cass County youth by providing nursing and healthcare scholarships to students from six additional local high schools in 2016.

Students from Archie, Cass Midway, Drexel, Harrisonville, Pleasant Hill and Sherwood Cass high schools are now eligible to apply. Individual scholarships range from \$500-\$1,250 and are available to students pursuing degrees in nursing or other health related fields.

In 2016, the Harrisonville student selected will be named the recipient of the John Foster Community Service Scholarship. Foster, a Harrisonville native, volunteered as the general contractor to convert the Foundation's Harrisonville dental clinic from a doctor's office to a dental office.

"As the cost of college tuition increases, we are committed to creating more opportunities for students pursuing careers in healthcare," said Cynthia Randazzo, CCHF president. "The addition of six more high schools to our pool of eligible applicants is a great way to extend the reach of CCHF and its mission to serve the youth of Cass County."

These scholarships are made available by charitable contributions designated to CCHF. More information about scholarships can be found at theresearchfoundationkc.org/CassCommunity.



Students from Belton High School's graduating class of 2015 receive scholarships from Cass Community Health Foundation.

Dental clinic opens in Harrisonville



John Foster (left) is recognized for his involvement with the opening of the Cass County Dental Clinic in Harrisonville by Kevin Wood (middle), former Mayor of Harrisonville and current CCHF board member and Kenny Southwick (right), CCHF chairman.

Cass Community Health Foundation (CCHF) celebrated the grand opening of a second safety net dental clinic located in Harrisonville, Missouri in August. The clinic opened July 15 and expects to treat 600 children annually.

The opening of the Harrisonville clinic was made possible through generous donations, including a \$100,000 gift from Cass Regional Medical Center. "The opening of this clinic is a direct result of our attempt to expand access to dental services for low-income children that reside in the central and southern parts of Cass County," said Cynthia Randazzo, CCHF president.

For more information about the clinic, visit casscountydentalclinic.org.

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Walk for Health raises nearly \$45,000 for Cass County Dental Clinic

Cass Community Health Foundation hosted the 21st Annual Walk for Health May 2, 2015 at Belton Regional Medical Center. The walk was recorded as one of the most successful events to date, raising nearly \$45,000 in net proceeds to benefit the Cass County Dental Clinic.

Approximately 350 walkers participated in the four-mile course. A health fair followed the walk and included a variety of free screenings, health information, food and children's activities.

Cosentino's Price Chopper and Belton Regional Medical Center served as presenting sponsors and Jacob Young, DDS served as chair for the event.

The 22nd Annual Walk for Health is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016. For more information or to register for the walk, visit walkforhealth2016.kintera.org.



Participants walk, jog and run on the Walk for Health four-mile course that started at Belton Regional Medical Center.

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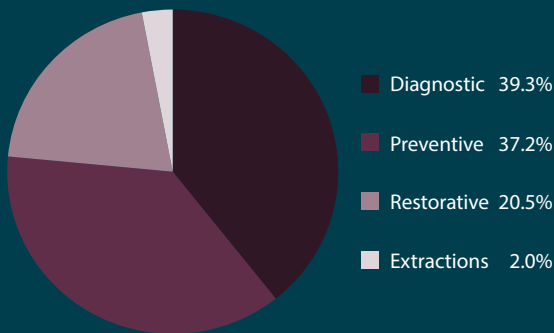
2015 in review

Treated 2,736 underserved children through 5,735 dental visits through our Cass County Dental Clinic.

Screened 2,739 children during our 2014-2015 school year dental screenings, applied fluoride varnish to 1,060 children who had parental consent and identified 627 children in need of further dental care.

Awarded scholarships to 42 students pursuing nursing or other health care careers through our health care scholarship program.

Cass County Dental Clinic



2015 financial overview

Revenues

Donations/grants	\$662,089
Medicaid revenue	\$563,178
Patient revenue	\$12,342
Investment income	<u>\$(47,751)</u>
TOTAL	\$1,189,858

Expenses

Program support	\$721,274
General and administrative	\$111,129
Fundraising	<u>\$17,464</u>
TOTAL	\$849,867

**The 2015 financials are pending audit review.*

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Cynthia Randazzo (left), Cass Community Health Foundation president and Amy Castle (right), Cass County Dental Clinic practice manager, receive a grant of \$20,000 from Prime Health Foundation and are pictured with Jim Nunnely (center) Prime Health Foundation chair.