

SERVING THE
YOUTH OF
CASS COUNTY

Cass County Dental Clinic is in the business of creating smiles. When given the chance to double their efforts, the clinic staff rise to the occasion.

Chris and Carter Dawson are twin brothers. Their mom, Elise, has driven them 50 miles round trip to receive dental treatments at the clinic since 2017 - a drive they don't mind taking.

"Cass County Dental Clinic has always been great. The staff have super personalities," Elise said. **"The twins love everyone here."**

And because twins like to stick together, both Chris and Carter had several extractions and restorations completed early in the summer. Their mom has been impressed with the work.

"The experience has been phenomenal. The kids don't leave here with any complaints, which is shocking because they get their teeth pulled," Elise said. **"They come out smiling."**



**Double
the smiles**

CONTINUING CARE IN TRYING TIMES

For nine years, our safety net dental clinic, Cass County Dental Clinic, has provided dental care for underserved children throughout Cass County and the surrounding area. The improved oral health in our community is a direct result of the support from Health Forward Foundation, REACH Healthcare Foundation, Delta Dental Foundation of Missouri, United Way of Greater Kansas City, The Mader Foundation, Peculiar Charitable Foundation, Prime Health Foundation, many other organizations and community members.

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted our nine year tradition of creating smiles. Stay-at-home orders forced our clinic to temporarily close with only emergency dental work available to patients. As communities reopen, we've made changes to our policies and procedures to keep our patients and staff safe. The clinic is following OSHA and CDC guidelines, enforcing social distancing and allowing extra time to disinfect operatories and high contact surfaces.

This health crisis has come with a staggering price tag. Reopening and establishment of additional safety measures has resulted in many unexpected costs for our safety net dental clinic. Our community partners have helped us navigate dentistry during a pandemic. You can help, too. Create a safe environment for our patients by donating at casscommunityhealth.org or returning the enclosed card with your contribution. Your donation ensures that we can continue our important work of improving the oral health of low-income children served by Cass County Dental Clinic.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

Cass Community Health Foundation (CCHF) has awarded \$32,750 in scholarships to students from the Cass County area pursuing careers in health care.

Funding for the scholarships is made available through designated funds established by community donors to support local high school students.

CCHF provides scholarships to seniors from Archie, Belton, Cass Midway, Drexel, Harrisonville, Pleasant Hill, Raymore-Peculiar, Sherwood Cass and Grandview High Schools interested in nursing or other health related degrees. Students should apply by March 1.

Gracyn Kloth, Raymore-Peculiar High School graduate, is the recipient of the Daniel F. Sheehan Nursing Scholarship from CCHF. Kloth will attend MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas to study nursing.

Read more about Gracyn at casscommunityhealth.org.

Madison Hoffman, Harrisonville High School graduate, is the recipient of a scholarship from CCHF. Hoffman will attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) to study dental hygiene.

Read Madison's story at casscommunityhealth.org.