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The Foundation At Work In the Community



Dr. Tom Schripsema, as an ambassador for the New Mexico Dental Foundation, visited a new Albuquerque middle school, Escuela Luz del Mundo, on August 16th. He presented a lesson on good oral hygiene to students, their siblings and parents. He also distributed sixty Sonicare toothbrushes that had been donated to this low income community through a coordinated effort by the Foundation, Philips, and the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped. Dr. Schripsema, to the delight of the recipients, helped them learn to properly use the toothbrushes. He also passed out additional dental hygiene supplies provided by the New Mexico Dental Association. The outreach effort was one more example of how the Dental Foundation is attempting to offer oral health education and access to New Mexico communities.

2008 PRE-DENT MENTOR DINNER SPONSORSHIP REQUESTED

The 2008 Albuquerque Mentor Dinner offering pre-dent students from throughout the state the opportunity to meet and visit with dentists, will be held on Friday night, January 25, 2008 at the Sunport Wyndham Hotel. The New Mexico Dental Foundation (a 501c3 organization) hosts this event as a fundraiser. If you would like to sponsor a table at the event please send a check to the NM Dental Foundation TODAY! *A flyer to accompany your check appears separately in the Journal.* Full table sponsorships are \$300 each and acknowledgement of the sponsor will be set at the table. Sponsorships of any other amount are welcome also!

Mission Statement

The mission of the New Mexico Foundation for Dental Health, Research and Education, A Public Charity, is to provide opportunities for the advancement of benevolent dental outreach and treatment programs by creating alternative funding resources. The Foundation is also committed to the advancement of dental health in New Mexico by creating research and educational opportunities for the achievement of clinical excellence resulting in an increased access to dental health care for the population of New Mexico.

Foundation Purpose #4:

To educate and instruct the general public by any useful medium in the methods of proper dental disease prevention and management, and concerning the latest developments in dental health, subjects which would be useful and beneficial to the public or to a community thereof.

Special Thanks....

Special thanks to John M. Coffman, CPA and his firm for their efforts in compiling the Foundation financials, filing the taxes, and completing financial paperwork for the ADA Foundation for Fiscal Year 2007. The Coffman firm has discounted their fees considerably in an attempt to assist the Foundation. We thank them for their charitable spirit and help and can recommend them without reservation. They can be reached at (505) 821-4545.

From Incoming Foundation President, Robert Lehm

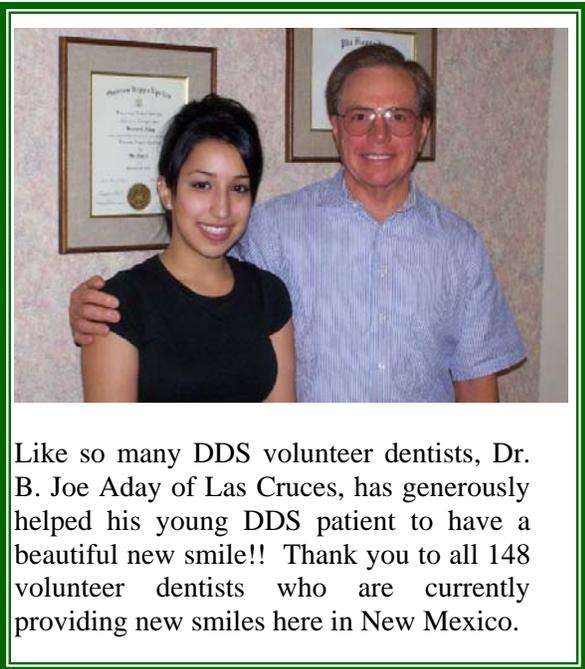
It is with much excitement that I have accepted the position of President for the New Mexico Dental Foundation Board. It is with much respect that I recognize the confidence the Board has placed in my ability to help move the Foundation forward. As you are aware, currently the primary program of the Foundation is New Mexico Donated Dental Services. By developing and continuing current funding and oversight for this worthy program, the Foundation we will continue to find creative ways to propel the DDS program to assure that we are providing services to this underserved patient population. In the past year the DDS Program has completed treatment for 87 clients through the efforts of 148 participating dentists and 68 dental laboratories. These efforts are coordinated by Linda Paul. Linda and Susan Cho do a tremendous job in connecting patients with providers to assure the success of treatment for these patients. Ultimately ... these patients are brought to good oral health through the compassion of dental professionals like yourself.

If you already participate in the DDS Program you know the rewarding feeling created by helping those less fortunate. If you do not participate in the DDS Program we would ask that you consider working within this coordinated effort to afford this low income patient population access to quality care that changes their lives.

If you are unable to participate as a provider, you can still help. Your donations to the Foundation are put to great use in helping to fund programs such as DDS, other outreach opportunities, and educational endeavors. You are afforded several

opportunities throughout the year to make donations and I implore you to consider doing so.

Once again ... I am committed to doing my level best to be a good steward of the Foundation and the DDS Program. I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to helping create great things at the New Mexico Dental Foundation.



Like so many DDS volunteer dentists, Dr. B. Joe Aday of Las Cruces, has generously helped his young DDS patient to have a beautiful new smile!! Thank you to all 148 volunteer dentists who are currently providing new smiles here in New Mexico.

New Foundation Officers Elected

At the Annual Board of Directors meeting held on Friday, September 7th, a new slate of officers was elected. Robert Lehm, an at-large member of the Board, was elected President. Dr. Stephen Moran, Eastern District representative, was elected Vice President. Dr. Stephen Wagner, Albuquerque District representative, was reelected Secretary/Treasurer. Warm thanks was also extended to Dr. Ron Johnson and Melanie Upshaw who both resigned from the Board at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Johnson served two years as the Foundation's first President, providing excellent leadership.