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A Letter From Kyle

Join us for the first annual Pacific Dental Services Foundation Stroll for Special Needs Virtual 5k! We are committed to leading the charge to make oral healthcare more accessible to people with special needs.

We know everyone has been at home these last several months, so gather your family and friends and get outside to help patients with special needs find their dental home! Throw on your Stroll for Special Needs t-shirt and run, walk, stroll or roll a 5k (3.1 miles) around your neighborhood. Track your route with an app like Strava.

Snap a picture, post it on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) with the hashtag

#Stroll4SpecialNeeds, and tag @PDSFoundation!

We couldn't do what we do without you! Thank you for your continual support!



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Stroll For Special Needs

This year, in lieu of Giving Tuesday, we are inviting Friends of the Foundation to participate in the inaugural PDS Foundation Stroll for Special Needs Virtual 5K in support of the PDS Foundation Dentists for Special Needs clinic.

Taking place December 5th and 6th, the virtual 5K is a fun and socially distant way for you to get a little exercise while supporting the clinic. Our goal is to raise \$80,000 to help support the clinic. Pacific Dental Services will match up to \$80,000 so [sign up](#) today and send the fundraising link to your friends and family!

Participants with the fastest times in their age group will also receive a PDS Foundation t-shirt and will be featured on the 2020 Stroll for Special Needs Wall of Fame at the clinic. The team and individual that raises the most money will have their name on a donor plaque at the Dentists for Special Needs.

HOW TO REGISTER: Click the register button on www.pdsfoundation.org and sign up as an individual, join a team or create a team. The cost is \$40 which gets you a t-shirt and participant medal. Then spread the word by sharing your fundraising page with family and friends. Participants are encouraged to register by November 2 to ensure that their t-shirt and medal arrives before the event.

If you wish not to participate in the 5k you can still show your support by fundraising or [donating](#) directly to the clinic.

[Click here for FAQ's and to Register!](#)



Dentists for Special Needs

Only 10 percent of dentists are prepared to treat patients with special needs. At Dentists for Special Needs, we strive to make every dental visit as comfortable as possible. Just listen to what one of our patients had to say about their visit.

"I am one of the disabled teenagers who goes here. Literally an incredible service. I shouldn't be so emotional about being treated like a human being by medical staff, but I am. I completely recommend it to anyone, the doctors and staff are incredibly accommodating and kind, and they make an effort even for people with rare or less-recognized disabilities. If you're a/the parent of a special needs kid/teenager who's putting off getting your teeth fixed because you're afraid of being mistreated by a doctor this is an excellent option. They are also great with autistic people."

We have a passion to increase access to care for patients with special needs and these are the outcomes we are looking for! Our team at Dentists for Special Needs is ready to provide our patients with the best dentistry possible in a sensory integrated environment. Call today at 602-344-9530 to make an appointment or visit us [online](#).



Dental Assistant Education

This past September the PDS Foundation awarded scholarships to [10 dental assistant students](#) from across the country. Seven different schools were represented in the recent scholarship awarding including: Carrington College, Concorde Career College, Northwest Career College, Unitek College, Florence-

Darlington Technical College, Atlantic Technical College and Delta College of Arts.

We are thrilled to be able to provide continual educational support to students who want to make a positive impact on the lives of others through a career in dental assisting. You can support students by donating [here!](#)

"I can't express how incredible the news is! I look forward to taking my learning and experinces into the work environment and supporting my community through the best care I can provide," said recipient, Holly Popkin.

If you are a dental assistant student or know one make sure to spread the word that November 1st is the last deadline of 2020 to submit scholarship applications. [Apply today!](#)

The PDS Foundation earned a spot on the 2020 Top-Rated List on the Great NonProfits site!

Make sure to leave a positive review about your experience with us [here](#).



Make sure to follow us on social media below!

Do you know someone who would be interested in updates on the PDS Foundation? They can sign up for our newsletter [here](#).