



Letter from Kyle

Dear Friend of the Foundation,

This past month I had the privilege to attend my first ever Greater New York Dental Meeting. Amongst the hustle and the bustle of one of the largest dental meetings in the country was a small breakout room where a panel for special needs dentistry took place. It was hosted by our own PDS Board Member Dr. Jack Dillenberg and included legends in the area of special needs care. Dr. Maureen Perry, Dr. Steve Pearlman, Dr. Matt Holder, and John Kemp were all there with a similar message. There is a desperate need for dentists to see individuals with special needs. A story was told of one individual who was just about to be committed because she was acting out. The problem was she was nonverbal and wouldn't let anyone look into her mouth but was finally seen by a willing clinician that took the time to work with her. It turned out she had 17 cavities and was in so much pain but she couldn't communicate it. The patient was treated and her behavior radically changed. We're excited that this is the start of something special and PDS Foundation is committed to helping more patients like the one above find comfort. We hope you'll invest in us and come alongside making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your support in 2018 and we look forward to an even brighter 2019.

Kyle Guerin
Executive Director, PDS Foundation

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in behalf of our staff and Friends of the Foundation

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Special Needs Advocacy & Training

PDS® Foundation Dentists for Special Needs clinic

The March 2019 opening of the PDS Foundation Dentists for Special Needs clinic in Phoenix, Arizona is approaching. The clinic will be led by executive clinical director Dr. Jack Dillenberg, board member of the PDS Foundation and expert in the area of public health, leadership, health program development and oral health issues. This nonprofit clinic will provide much needed access to oral health care for the underserved special needs community in Phoenix. There are 56 million people in the US with special needs, and the number one health care problem of children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities is the inability to find competent

dental care. The Pacific Dental Services Foundation Dentists for Special Needs clinic will be a state-of-the-art 2,400 sq. ft. clinic with 5 operatories, a special sensory room and other unique attributes to help put patients at ease. The clinic will have its own staff including Operations Manager, Dentist, and Dental Assistants.

During our recent Giving Tuesday campaign, we raised \$59,438 for our special needs clinic, exceeding our goal of \$50,000. PDS also pledged to match up to \$50,000 in donations, bringing our total contribution to a tremendous \$109,438! Want to get involved in something special? We've created some beautiful ways to celebrate your contribution in the clinic with our three giving levels. However you would like to invest whether that is through Empowering, Inspiring, or Influencing we hope you'll come together for this amazing opportunity.

You can find out more information and donate at our all newly designed website.

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Thank you for all of your support in 2018 and we look forward to a special year in 2019 as together we make a difference locally, nationally, and internationally.

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