

A Year In Review

Quarterly Newsletter



Thank You Friends

A Letter from Kyle

This past year was incredible, but 2019 is going to be even better. Just this past week I had the privilege of serving in Guatemala with our first team of the year. While I was there I met our three new dental students from the University of San Carlos who will be serving the local people in the Pacific Dental Services® Foundation clinic in Xenacoj, Guatemala. They had all those first-day feelings of excitement and nervousness, smiling when they had the opportunity to work with the American doctors, and posing for pictures after tough extractions. They had a sense of pride working in what would be their clinic.

As we look at 2018 I hope you all feel the same sense of pride and ownership in the PDS® Foundation. We have so much on the horizon in 2019 with the March 25th opening of our Dentists for Special Needs clinic, more lives to impact through the Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarship, and an all-new 15-stop tour with our Mobile Dental Clinic. We can't do it without you! Here is to an extraordinary 2019!



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International Service

Serving Abroad



Throughout the year, we traveled on four international service trips. We were able to serve 1,154 patients with the help of 49 volunteers. We donated over \$614,000 in dentistry, changing the lives of patients across Ethiopia, Fiji, and Guatemala. Patients' lives were not the only thing changed but the heart for service in our volunteers grew two-fold. During September, our clinic was also host to over 20 dental students and faculty from The University of the Pacific who saw over 220 patients over one week. However, the dentistry didn't end there as we hosted three dental students from the University of San Carlos, who completed an eight month residency serving patients in our clinic.



Special Needs

Dentists for Special Needs

During 2018, plans were put underway for the opening of the first PDS Foundation Dentists for Special Needs clinic in Phoenix, Arizona, opening March 25, 2019. During our Giving Tuesday campaign in November, we were able to raise \$109,438 and our donations have been growing since. Our mission is to not only provide immediate dental care, but to support each patient's needs long-term with the tools, training and resources to make maintaining oral health achievable between visits. Check out our [Facebook](#) page to learn more about oral healthcare in the special needs community.



DA Scholarships

Concorde Career College

The Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarship was awarded to 12 deserving recipients from Concorde Career College who showed passion, dedication and a heart for service. Our recipients come from across the country, including California, Texas, Missouri and Oregon. We are ecstatic to be able to provide financial assistance and mentorship for these students throughout their journey to a career in dental assisting. Take a look at our [Instagram](#) page to learn more about our recipients and their journey in the DA career.



Mobile Dental Clinic

Serving Smiles Across the Country

Last year was a great year full of 29 mobile dental clinic events across the country. We donated over \$927,000 in dentistry with the help of 804 volunteers. We were able to serve 1,098 patients providing cleanings, X-rays, crowns and even extractions. These days of service are always filled with heartwarming stories and a lot of dentistry. Check out our 2019 [event schedule](#) where we will be partnering with Special Olympics and more!