

Global Service

Our commitment goes far beyond our local communities.

Serving with the Pacific Dental Services® Foundation, you will be able to provide much needed donated dentistry to Guatemala. With 53 percent of Guatemala's population living in poverty and 13 percent in extreme conditions, dental disease is a tremendous problem in this country of 14.7 million people. Responding to the widespread need for oral healthcare, the Pacific Dental Services® Foundation established a clinic in Xenacoj, Guatemala in 2015. Through a partnership with Mission Impact, Beeline Wheelchairs and the University of San Carlos Dental School - The PDS® Foundation Clinic provides comprehensive care to many people in need in Guatemala, including those with disabilities.

In addition to better equipping and enabling communities to better serve themselves, these trips also have a life-changing effect on the volunteers who give their time, resources and expertise to help people in need. The stories that come back from those trips never fail to touch hearts and motivate others to serve. And the reason is simple. Every time a team goes, lives are changed. Patients in remote parts of the world receive oral care treatment they would likely never get. Team members return home with a valuable, new perspective that positively impacts their work.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- The average cost of a trip is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per person.
- Volunteers typically arrive on a Tuesday, work in the clinic Wednesday through Friday, explore on Saturday, and depart on Sunday.
- The school must provide professional liability insurance coverage for its students during the dates of service. They must provide the PDS Foundation a minimum of 30 days' advance written notice of cancellation or non-renewal of such insurance. The required limits of such insurance are \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate.
- Students are expected to provide enough personal protective wear for the trip and the instruments they'll need.

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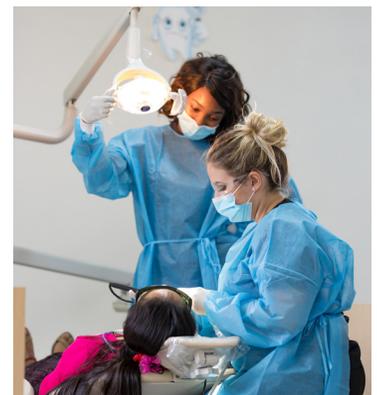
There are six chairs in the clinic. Each operatory has three chairs.



The clinic's coordinator, Hilda, works to create a full schedule for each trip. Fillings, extractions, cleanings, and endodontics are most commonly performed.



Patients travel from all over to receive care at the clinic. Most travel in groups and are at the clinic all day. This provides a great opportunity to teach them more about oral hygiene, the mouth-body connection, etc.



PDS Foundation will provide the following equipment needed to operate the clinic: delivery unit, patient chairs, provider stools, autoclaves, generators, compressors, amalgamators, curing lights, cavitrons and X-Ray machine.