



## 2017 Annual Report

Community Dental improves the lives of children and adults in our communities by providing needed, accessible, comprehensive, quality oral health care.

Biddeford

Portland

Lewiston

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# A Message from the President of the Board & Chief Executive Officer

Every organization has their years of exponential growth, but also introspective idling. For Community Dental, 2017 represents the precipice before plunging boldly into a new era of community involvement, expanded services, and whirlwind change. This year was the resting heart rate before the adrenaline of our centennial anniversary.

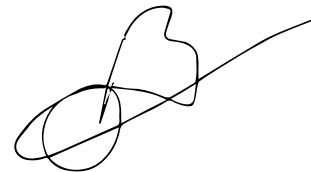
Internal change was abounded with the retirement of our 12-year Chief Executive Officer, Lisa C. Kavanaugh, succeeded by Thomas S. Polko, on January 1st, 2018. John Welsh, who led our board for 10 years of significant growth, also stepped down, allowing Barry Morgan, a current member and past president of the board to be elected into office. We also congratulate our Chief Dental Officer, Jim Schmidt, DMD, on his retirement, however, we are lucky to have Dr. Schmidt's continued support as a member of our Board of Directors. He is succeeded by Jeffery Walawender, DDS, our Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program site director at our Portland location, as well as a member of the Community Dental Board of Directors.

Our AEGD residency program through our tripartite partnership with Maine Medical Center and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine has taken on a strong role in

our organization. We were fortunate to benefit from the knowledge and productivity of four residents on rotation throughout our dental centers. We are also excited to announce our expanded scope of services to include the placement of implants. Patients may now visit Community Dental to replace missing or extracted teeth, keeping our referrals internal, and making access to care easier for patients.

We continue to settle into our new Portland center at 190 Park Ave as our new administration prepares to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Community Dental's service to the communities of Maine.

Best regards,



**Barry Morgan**  
Board President

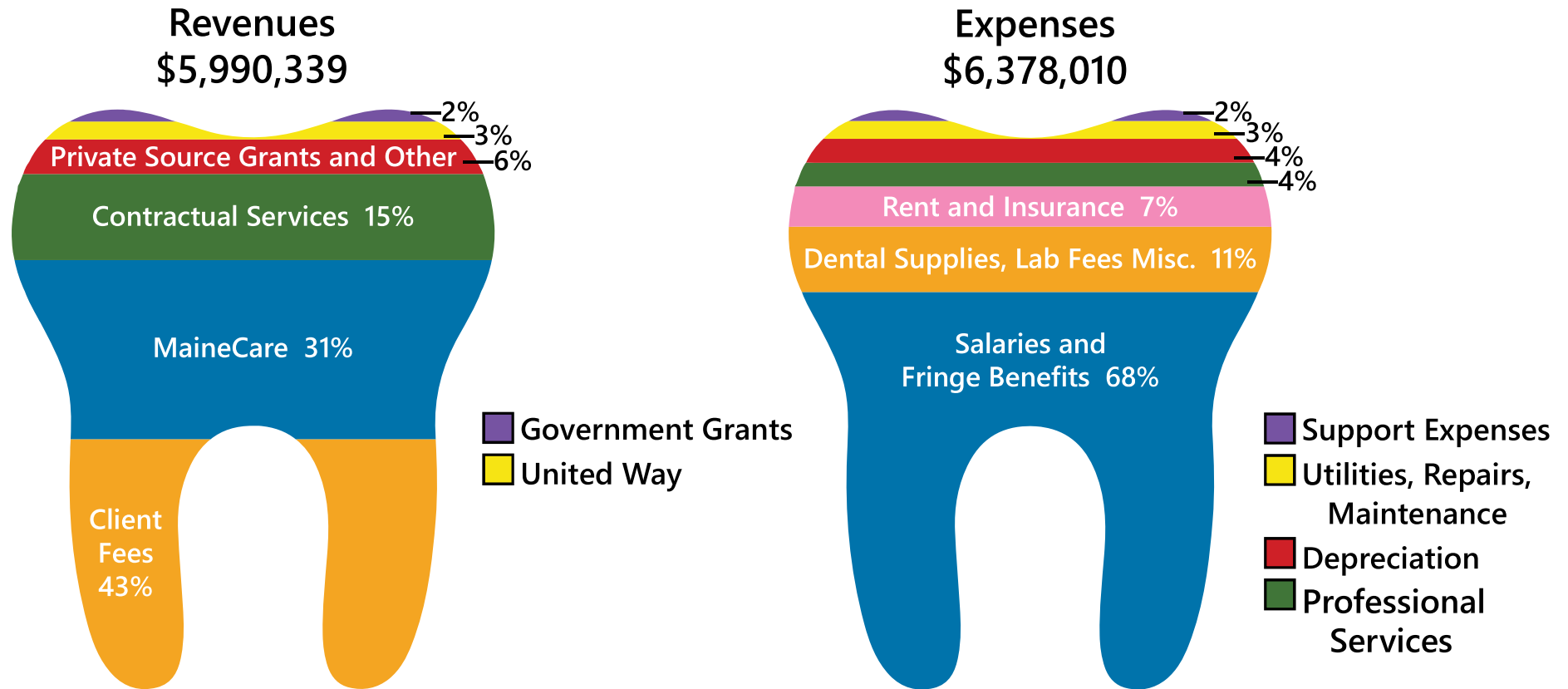


**Thomas S. Polko**  
CEO

# 2017 Community Dental Finances

We thank our funders and community partners for their generous support throughout 2017.

A special acknowledgment to Maine Medical Center and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine for their partnerships in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program.



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## Providers and Staff

11 Dentists	14 Hygienists
5 Residents	34 Staff

## Diagnostic and Treatment Services

- Examinations
- Radiographs
- Restorative services
- Emergency Care
- Endodontics (Root canal therapy)
- Oral Surgery
- Implant Placement
- IV Sedation Services
- Fixed and removable prosthetics

## Preventative Services

- Oral Prophylaxis
- Sealants
- Fluoride Varnish
- Oral Health Education

# The Importance of Community Partners

Community Dental is built on helping and strengthening the community, especially the underserved and disadvantaged. We strive to provide affordable and accessible dental care to the 16,000 children and adults we serve, of all backgrounds, with a goal of increasing the quality of life as well as promoting healthy lifestyles. One of our greatest advantages in tackling this objective is our strength and number of partnerships looking to advance the community. Whether through financial support or program partnership, Community Dental is privileged to receive endorsement from many organizations, with whom we are able to provide another element of healthy living and positive life choices to the community.

Our partnership with the Maine Medical Center (MMC) and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (TUSDM) allows us to participate in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program. This program gives licensed dentists the opportunity to receive an extra year of experiential training in dental centers in Maine and the Boston area. We are privileged to host the Maine component of the AEGD program, keeping valuable dentists in Maine and utilizing their skills as oral care providers. Access to these dentists, eager to improve the community, is crucial

to our ability to provide affordable dental care to over 16,000 patients who rely on Community Dental. We look forward to continued success with this partnership.

Community Dental was also active with the Integrated Underserved Learning & Care Collaborative with MMC and the Preble Street Resource Center. We were able to provide approximately \$75,000 worth of treatment, at no cost to predominantly homeless patients or the Collaborative. We highly value these opportunities to make the community stronger, patient by patient, with hopes to encourage follow-up preventative care and affect positive lifestyle change.



**16,080**  
total  
patients



**7,076**  
patients  
under 21



**5,171**  
emergency  
patients

## The Importance of Community Partners (continued)

Through our participation with SmilePartners and the Maine Mobile Health Program we have been able to provide care for in-need and vulnerable populations: immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees, and migrant workers. We support both programs, helping to provide access to oral healthcare for patients, as well as providing additional dental education. In this way, we were able to promote consistent oral care to new members of the community, as well as those hoping to overcome the barriers to care experienced by immigrants and refugee population.

Community Dental was equally committed to our partnerships that benefited rural and urban communities of Maine, particularly through the Maine Oral Health Funders (MOHF), the Head Start, and Early Head Start programs. Through grant funds from MOHF, we were one in a coalition of six agencies working to reduce cavities by 10% in children aged zero to nine in the Oxford and Franklin counties. These funds were extended to include pregnant and nursing mothers, in order to establish healthy dental habits before and after birth. It is important to reach the communities we serve at all ages, however, the sooner we can impact the oral health of a population, the better.

For a number of years, we have participated in the Dempsey Center's annual oral cancer screening clinic in Lewiston. This has proved to be a great partnership, allowing us to provide oral education, evaluations, referrals, and recommendations, as necessary, to an urban population who may be saved complications later in life by early detection and proper information regarding oral healthcare.

Community Dental relies on its partnerships to facilitate healthy communities, positive lifestyles, as well as provide affordable and accessible health care. We are fortunate to have such enduring and emerging partners in the field to further our mission. Our ability to provide care to both the urban and rural populations of Maine has established us as a dental home for many in need of accessible oral care, while our fortune in partnerships has strengthened the positive impact we have had on the community. Together, we may create stronger, healthier, and more positive communities.



**10,709** patients living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level



# Grants, Contributors and Donors

**Community Dental recognizes the Foundations, major donors, municipalities, community organizations, and collaborators that have made our initiatives and programs possible in the year 2017:**

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