



THE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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





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



2015 was a year characterized by robust community partnerships and collaborative efforts. Together, we made progress towards achieving the Vision for the organization created in 2010 and in fulfilling our Mission.

Relocating and expanding our Portland Center in 2016 is the capstone of our current Vision and Strategic Priorities. Giant strides towards meeting this goal were made in 2015 due to the leadership and hard work of our Board of Directors, community partners, and staff.

Fundraising kicked off in March with a Murder Mystery Dinner planned and implemented by dedicated Board members. Great fun was had and the event netted over \$22,000 towards the Portland Project costs!

This project has advanced due to the support and commitment of key

partners: Maine Medical Center, Delta Dental of Maine Foundation, and the Libra Foundation. Maine Medical Center has committed to leasing space for our expanded center and to assisting with financing the renovation expense. The Delta Dental of Maine Foundation and the Libra Foundation have committed to being “signature investors” in the project providing tremendous support towards making our Vision of integrating oral health care with overall health and healthcare a reality. Financial support from other Foundations has been successful due to the generous support of our signature investors and the Maine Medical Center.

Community Dental was recognized for its clinical excellence and successful business model by the Washington Dental Services Foundation (WDSF). WDSF is the foundation for Delta Dental of Washington state. We were truly honored to participate in the Case Study, available

here: www.communitydentalme.org/about/case-study/.

Thanks to the dedicated effort and support of our Board, staff, patients, and community partners, we successfully met challenging financial realities and made progress towards the implementation of our Vision and Mission. We are looking forward to continued success in 2016 and the establishment of our new Portland Center.

Warm regards,

John H. Welsh, Board President

Lisa C. Kavanaugh, CEO

18,700

patients of record,
from infants to seniors
across 5 Maine counties

15,000

toothbrushes distributed



13,050

patients living below
150% poverty level

2,540

visits by

260

adults with special needs

1
YEAR

youngest
patient

oldest
patient

98
YEARS

6,150

emergency dental
procedures

6,500

preventative treatments
for children and teens;
including home care
instruction, and healthy
living guidance



**MOST DISTANT
PATIENTS**



\$22,553

raised by the
Murder Mystery Dinner
in March

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Diagnostic & Treatment Services

Examinations
Radiographs
Endodontics (root canal therapy)
Oral surgery
Fixed & removable prosthetics (crown and bridge, partial dentures)
Restorative services
Emergency care
Nitrous oxide

Preventative Services

Oral prophylaxis
Sealants
Fluoride varnish



Our Growing Partnership with SmilePartners



Our collaboration with SmilePartners (an initiative of the Greater Portland Refugee and Immigrant Healthcare Collaborative) exemplifies the positive impact of partnerships toward achieving increased access to care and improved health status for vulnerable patient populations. Through this partnership, Community Dental provided preventive and restorative oral health care to new immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who would otherwise have faced barriers to receiving necessary services.

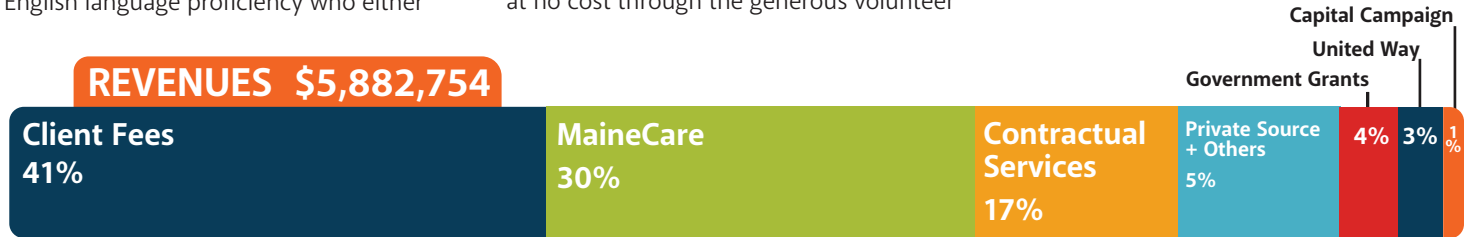
The participants in this program are extremely low-income adults with minimal English language proficiency who either

have no coverage for oral health services or a limited benefit that covers only urgent care. SmilePartners participants lack knowledge of the U.S. oral health care system; and in most cases have no prior experience or have adverse prior experience with dental care in their home countries.

Community Health Outreach Workers serve as navigators coordinating oral health and financial literacy education as well as providing case management and support for appointments. SmilePartners patients without means to pay, receive necessary oral health services at evening sessions in our Portland Center. Treatment is provided at no cost through the generous volunteer

efforts of Dr. Jeffrey Walawender, our lead dentist in the Portland Center and AEGD Site Director, and our AEGD Residents. University of New England dental students also volunteer as dental assistants. The residents and dental students gain valuable experience providing compassionate quality care to culturally and economically diverse individuals.

This community collaboration has been successful in providing needed oral health care to some of the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Heartfelt thanks to all for making this effort a tremendous success!





Partnering To Make Lasting Improvements To Children’s Oral Health



Effective dental disease prevention strategies exist for children that can have a positive effect on both their oral health and overall health throughout their lifetimes. Community Dental Farmington is a recipient of a Maine Oral Health Fund Children’s Oral Health multi-year grant to reduce the prevalence of caries in children by 10%. Community Dental Farmington has received \$65,000 to-date with the opportunity for an additional \$90,000 in the next two years.

The project’s focus is on integrating oral health into overall health and changing

the community culture to recognize the importance of oral health to overall health. One of our biggest successes is our coordinated efforts with many community organizations, including primary care, schools and early childhood programs in Franklin and Oxford counties. We are reaping the benefits of these connections through mutually reinforcing activities which help make oral health services more integrated and available to children and families.

Our strategies and decision-making are data driven, evidence-based and

adjusted based upon our experience. Our community/parent awareness and education campaign is designed to sustain and support preventative oral health services for the future. Elementary school children will increase their own knowledge and oral health skills. Settings in which oral health assessments, fluoride varnish and sealants are applied will increase to serve more young children. More young children and families will find and use their dental home.





Access to Specialty Oral Health Care Established



Access for our patients to oral health specialty care was established as a key component of our Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residency Program with Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and the Maine Medical Center. In addition to providing care not previously available to our patients, community oral health specialists are teaching our AEGD residents.

Multiple oral health specialists are being utilized for dental resident education. All residents are scheduled in our Portland Center to provide specialty care under the direct supervision of Board Certified specialists credentialed as faculty at the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine as clinical instructors.

Four oral surgeons from Oral Surgery Associates are participating as faculty: Drs. Matthew Jacobsen, David Moyer, Killian MacCarthy, and Mark Zajkowski. One oral surgeon is scheduled in the Portland Center on a rotating basis each month. As clinical instructors, the oral surgeons assist the residents with more difficult extractions and third molar exodontia.

In addition to oral surgery, Dr. Donald Theriault, a periodontist from Coastal Maine Periodontics, educates and supervises advanced periodontal procedures clinically one afternoon on alternating months. Falmouth Pediatric Dentistry's Drs. Mike Brown-Dowling and John Willis provide volunteer shadowing opportunities at their office and at Maine Medical in Scarborough for operating room cases.

To better meet patient needs and the residents' clinical education, Kathryn Young, a dentist, clinically guides residents throughout the process of complete and partial denture fabrication. She provides didactic and hands on education regarding materials, the impression process, and lab fabrication. The "Denture Clinic" occurs in our Portland Center.

Through the AEGD Residency program, both access to care for our patients and clinical education for our residents have been expanded. This program is a huge success!



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