

PROJECT UPDATE

In the May 2021 District 6910 Newsletter, a feature story appeared describing the ribbon cutting and the kick-off of a new signature project by the Rotary Club of Clayton. They opened, for the first time, a new dental clinic for the community. A short eight months later they have provided the following brief bullet-point recap of their progress and accomplishments to date:



The numbers (April – December):

- 22 clinic days
- 188 patients
- 1,605 volunteer hours
- \$225,000 of dental services provided

So many patient stories, here's just a few:

1. 22-year-old patient with a very sad family history had to have most of her teeth removed. Dr Holloway has agreed to assist in obtaining dentures for her. Her confidence will soar that will allow her better employment opportunities.
2. Patient started to cry after the dental work was completed. Dentist asked if we had hurt her. “No” she replied, this was the first time in weeks her mouth wasn’t in severe pain and her headache was gone.
3. Patient’s wife was in our waiting room quietly praying and giving thanks for our clinic.
4. Each volunteer has their own heartwarming stories.

Software technology acquired or built

1. Text appointment reminders from the appointment calendar automatically sent to patients to reduce “no show” rate.
2. Screener call system established that allows volunteers to contact patients using a discrete phone number instead of their own.
3. Appointment calendar and x rays can be accessed remotely utilizing Community Dental server
4. Scrolling oral health education presentation in waiting room
5. Background music in waiting room and operatories per dentist preference

Physical assets

1. Panoramic imaging system donated by a Rotarian in St Simons
2. Flash sterilizer donated by Lake Rabun Civic Assn
3. New patient chair and computer/monitor for imaging system donated by LBCA Foundation
4. Main computer server purchased, and data securely stored in cloud
5. Second, larger instrument sterilizer ordered to keep up with demand to be paid for by Rotary Club of Clayton, Clayton Rotary Foundation, and matching grant from Rotary District 6910.
6. Significant donation of beautiful calming and peaceful artwork from Anna DeStefano.

2022 New Year

1. Plan to have two dentists doing extractions on a clinic day so that we can keep waitlist down and our volunteer time the most productive
2. Ramp up our denture program for some of our extraction patients. Volunteer dentist who specializes in dentures and will see two of our patients in January.
3. Continue to build our volunteer base, particularly dental assistants.
4. Deliver over \$400,000 in dental services to Rabun County.

Many thanks to all our incredible volunteers and supporters for making 2021 so amazing.



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