

Free Dental Day Brings Smiles to Key Peninsula Residents

Pacific Dental Services Foundation mobile clinic volunteers give \$17,000 in free care to 30 local patients at Key Free Clinic

LAKEBAY, WA, Aug. 1, 2016 - More than 15 Smile Generation-trusted dentists, clinicians and staff from [Pacific Dental Services \(PDS\)](#) supported offices converged on a community health center in LakeBay to deliver critical dental care to needy residents of the Key Peninsula region.

"We had an awesome turnout of people who needed care that we were happy to give," said Dr. Brian Polillo, a dentist at Lynnwood Crossroads Modern Dentistry and Orthodontics. It's always great to see the positive impact we can have on our patients. Everyone who volunteered had a fulfilling experience. We can't wait to do it again."

Polillo and other volunteers traveled from PDS-supported dental practices in Lynnwood, Renton, Silverdale, Ballard, Issaquah and Gig Harbor to treat 30 patients free of charge, providing \$17,000 in care.

The clinic was staged in a 33-foot PDS Foundation mobile clinic that has traveled across nine states during the past year. More than 1,300 patients have received nearly \$1 million in dental care thanks to the Foundation.

Rep. Michelle Caldier (R-26th Legislative District), a Kitsap County native and dentist herself, stopped by to congratulate the volunteers and visit with patients.

"The PDS Foundation helped the Key Free Clinic fill a much-needed service for our community," said Anne Nesbit, executive director of the Key Free Clinic that hosted the event. "This was a wonderful day for everyone; patients, providers and volunteers alike."

June Ward, wife of Richard Ward who was seen by dental staff, was grateful for the care her husband received. "This is so needed. Richard is on a fixed income and he always puts his health last. He really needed to see someone."

Nesbit said there were lots of hugs from patients, including one from Dylan Parker. "You have no idea what you have done for me!" exclaimed Parker.

The Key Free Clinic provides free, non-emergency medical care to people who cannot afford or reach health care. Volunteer physicians, nursing and administrative staff provide care at the clinic.

Pacific Dental Services Foundation's mission to serve communities locally, nationally and internationally through improved oral healthcare is carried out in part through its Mobile Dental Clinic's efforts. Realizing that not everyone lives close to a dental office or a local community health center, the MDC serves challenged urban and rural communities in need.

Partnerships with local community organizations like the Key Free Clinic have allowed the PDS Foundation the opportunity to spread oral health awareness while providing care and access to those without.

The mobile clinic took place on Saturday, July 23.

For more information about Pacific Dental Services Foundation, visit: PDSfoundation.org

To learn more about the Key Free Clinic, visit: KeyFreeClinic.org

Photos of the event are available for download here:

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