

# Blink And You'll Miss It

Quarterly Newsletter Q2



## Thank You Friends

### A Letter from Kyle

What a whirlwind 2019 has been so far with the Pacific Dental Services Foundation®. As we gear up for summer, I don't know what happened to Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and Memorial Day. I should probably get started on my Christmas shopping soon. The first six months of this year were incredible, and we couldn't have done it without the support of so many. To this we say, "Thank you!"

2019 has been a fantastic year of firsts for the Foundation! Here's a glimpse of all we accomplished so far this year.

Two months after the opening of the Pacific Dental Services Foundation Dentists for Special Needs clinic, we continue to receive affirmation from patients in need that this is the right thing to do. It's the mother we met with tears of joy whose adult child was able to receive a cleaning for the first time without sedation, and the many other families we touched by providing access to care for the underserved special needs community.

During our first Mobile Dental Clinic event of the 2019 tour, patients in South Carolina received much needed donated dentistry. As the 2019 tour continues, the Mobile Dental Clinic will provide access to care in Sacramento, Reno, Santa Fe, and many more cities across the country.

So far this year, we provided six Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarships to recipients in Portland, Aurora, and Garden Grove. We welcomed three new dental students to our clinic in Guatemala. They continue to do incredible work every day.

With so much more in store for the second half of 2019, the Pacific Dental Services Foundation looks forward to making an even greater impact on the communities we serve. In the next six months, let's be sure to slow down, smell the roses, and appreciate all the good going on around us. If we don't, we just might miss it.



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# International Service

## Serving Abroad

During the month of April, 14 Smile Generation-trusted volunteers served in Xenacoj, Guatemala, providing \$195,395 in donated dentistry to 221 patients. “It is very humbling to serve here. The people of Guatemala are incredible,” says Dr. Afshin Habashi, a clinical volunteer. For many of the volunteers, it was not their first service trip to Guatemala, as they are often eager to return after connecting with the community and experiencing the great need for oral healthcare.



# Special Needs

## Dentists for Special Needs

The grand opening event for Pacific Dental Services Foundation Dentists for Special Needs took place on April 18<sup>th</sup>. It was an inspiring community event with remarks from Stephen Thorne IV, Dr. Jacob Dent, and Dr. Jack Dillenberg. Since opening our doors on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the clinic has impacted 120 pediatric and adult patients and continues to positively change the lives of numerous families in the special needs community for whom dentistry is often the #1 healthcare challenge. Want to see highlights from this event? Click [here](#).



## DA Scholarships

### Concorde Career College

The Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarship changed the lives of 33 recipients over the last few years. Adrianna, a scholarship recipient from Oregon, expressed words of gratitude: “I feel so grateful that someone believes in my education and what I am truly capable of. Thank you for seeing my drive, passion and integrity.” Recipients share a common passion for helping others and an excitement to begin a fulfilling career.



## Mobile Dental Clinic

### Serving Smiles Across the Country

Our first Mobile Dental Clinic event of 2019 was a huge success. 32 volunteers served 31 patients at Transitions Homeless Center in South Carolina. In a thank you letter, a patient who received care wrote, “This was one of the most pleasant dental experiences I have had in a very long time thanks to the group of dedicated, kind, caring, and giving people.” Impacting lives is what service is all about. For more information about the 2019 Mobile Dental Clinic tour, [click here](#).