

## When Factory Doors Closed...

When the local mills and factories closed and unemployment reached 20% in Martinsville and Henry County, thousands of people went without dental care. Many lost their health insurance when they lost their jobs. Those without insurance often could not afford dental care.

When more than 1,200 people stood in line to receive free dental care from a Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic in 2003, local dentists knew a plan had to be developed to provide dental care for their community.

Unfortunately, the demand for dental care among low-income adults and children in the area continues to increase.

## ...We Opened a Dental Clinic

In the past 11 years, the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation has provided \$9.3 million of dental services—41,400 patient visits—in Martinsville and Henry County through the Community Dental Clinic. The patients have received quality dental care—diagnostic and preventive services, fillings, root canals, and extractions.

The Foundation also is an educational and training resource for the community:

- Every student in the VCU School of Dentistry comes to Martinsville to treat patients, gaining valuable clinical experience.
- Dental hygiene students hone their skills in the Clinic.
- Dental assistants earn their certificate, preparing them for gainful employment in dental offices.



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(Because You Continue to Care.)



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## An Efficient Organization with an Effective Process

The Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation, a tax-exempt organization, operates the Community Dental Clinic. The Foundation exists to improve the oral health of the community.

The Clinic has only 4 ½ employees, despite handling nearly 5,000 patient visits last year. More than 75 percent of the dentists in Martinsville and Henry County have volunteered their time, contributing services valued at \$1.1 million.

Every patient pays a co-pay of at least \$25 per visit, but those fees and Medicaid reimbursements cover only 44 percent of the expenses of the Foundation.

Since our mission is to provide indigent care, the Foundation never can be self-sustaining. The Foundation depends on the financial support of organizations, businesses, individuals, and foundations to continue to keep the Clinic open. For every dollar the Foundation receives, the Clinic provides \$4.80 of dental care.

## Healthy People Make a Healthy Community.

It's been an economic struggle for years in our community. We persevered because we care for each other. We want the less fortunate to feel the support of our community.

By demonstrating our care for each other, we show the world the strength of our community. We hold our heads high. We all smile a little brighter.

**Please make your donation today.**



## Support the Foundation

To make your tax-deductible donation, please complete and return this card in the enclosed envelope.

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Please invest this gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help improve the oral health of our community's disadvantaged citizens and to help maintain the Clinic as a full time operation through September 1, 2018.

- Enclosed is my check**, payable to Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation, for \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- I will give a gift of stock.** (Someone from PVDHF will contact you for the transfer details.)

Please print your name as you would like it to appear in our records:

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**Thank you for supporting the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation**

## Now is the Time.

After 11 years, the Community Dental Clinic continues to grow. Last year, there were nearly 5,000 patient visits. The Clinic provided patients with approximately \$1.15 million in services. Over our 11-year history, there have been 41,400 patient visits with a total value of \$9.3 million in services.

With growth and over time, the Clinic is facing more challenges. We are operating at near capacity, and our equipment is aging. Today, a patient waits an average of 18 months to be treated by a dentist for routine care.

As we close another year, we come to ask for your donations so the Clinic can continue to serve the low-income, unemployed, and uninsured adults and children who need our help, right here in our community.

