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Dental Foundation Prepares for Better Year

While experiencing a challenging 2014-15, the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation now is well positioned to expand its services in the Martinsville-Henry County community.

Ending its ninth fiscal year, the Foundation, which operates the Community Dental Clinic in Uptown, has provided more than \$7 million in dental services to unemployed or uninsured adults and children. Last year during 4,169 patient visits, the Community Dental Clinic provided 4,616 diagnostic services, 2,334 preventive services as well as 1,439 fillings, 214 root canals, and 1,772 extractions. Since the Clinic opened in 2006, there have been more than 31,600 patient visits.

Income for the fiscal year was \$464,922, a 4.4% decrease of approximately \$21,600 from the prior year. Expenses were \$455,517, up only \$2,900 or less than 1% over last year. The Clinic has 4 full-time and one part-time employees.

Dental services were valued at \$847,270 for the year. However, fees from patients and Medicaid totaled only \$169,348. "Filling this financial gap can only be met by donations from individuals, businesses and foundations in the

community,” said Dr. Mark Crabtree, president of the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization.

“Last year, for every private dollar donated to the Foundation, \$3.01 of dental care was provided to those in need,” added Crabtree. “Our expenses are low, and the Clinic is an efficient operation.

“This was a challenging year,” said Crabtree. “The Foundation is grateful for every donation, particularly the \$18,000 grant from the Women in Philanthropy Fund of the Martinsville Area Community Foundation.

“Coming at an important time in September, 2014, the grant from Women in Philanthropy helped us keep open the doors of the Clinic and encouraged other organizations to donate,” Crabtree explained. “This grant was most impactful to the Foundation and gave us the courage to recruit a new staff dentist at a critical time when additional funding commitments were not in hand, and we appreciate it very much.” Dr. Amanda Meade became the Clinic’s full time dentist in July.

Crabtree also credited the ongoing financial support of the Harvest Foundation, which last spring announced a grant of \$598,566 for the next three years. “The Harvest Foundation has been our financial partner from the beginning, and we would not be open today without their support,” he said. “We share a common goal—improving the dental health of our community.”

The Foundation will be conducting its annual community fund-raising campaign this fall. For information about the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation, visit www.piedmontdental.org.

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