

SBHC Coordinator's annual meeting

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THE DENTAL
FOUNDATION
OF OREGON



TOOTH
TAXI





Charitable arm of the Oregon Dental Association
founded in 1982

*“Improving oral health for Oregon's
children.”*

Seeds for a mobile dental van

- Smile Survey results – Oregon DHS
- Access to dentists in rural areas of Oregon
- DFO direct service venue
- Eliminate barriers to getting care (transportation)

“The Burden of Oral Disease in Oregon”

2007 Smile Survey (DHS)

- Oral disease takes a heavier toll among minority racial and ethnic groups and low-income residents.
- Less than half of children age 8 have received dental sealants.
- 22 of Oregon's 36 counties have a shortage of dental professionals.

Tooth Taxi Sponsors

- OEA Choice Trust



- ODS



Tooth Taxi arrives-September 2008





- 38 Foot Winnebago motor home customized to a state-of-the-art dental office
- 2 fully equipped operatories
- Digital x-rays
- Instrument Sterilization
- Stays at school a week at a time
- Travels the entire state of Oregon

Tooth Taxi



- Structured to reach children through schools, K-12
- Qualifying Factors
 - Free & reduced lunch
 - No dental insurance or under-insured
 - Emergent need
 - Have never been to the dentist

What it takes to host the Tooth Taxi

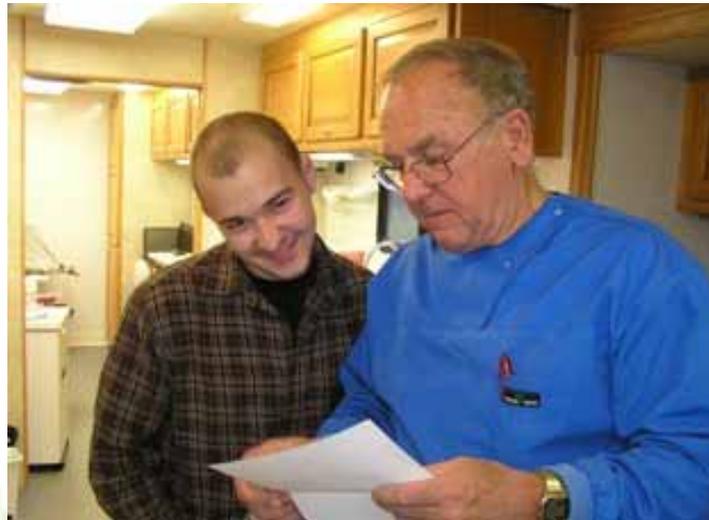


- Site visit request form
- Identified need
- Pre-visit meeting
- Commitment from the school for a coordinator
- Paperwork packets from students
- Volunteers and coordinator on site during our visit

A week in the life of the Tooth Taxi

- Travel
- Screenings
 - One-on-one education
 - Fluoride Varnish applications
- Classroom Education
- Comprehensive Treatment
- Travel

Screening Exam Education & Fluoride varnish



Oral Health Education



Continuous education



First Visit to the Dentist

(Which way to sit in the chair?)



Treatment

a positive experience and a movie overhead

Preventative & Restorative

- Exams
- X-rays
- Cleanings
- Sealants
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Pulpotomies
- Stainless steel crowns

It's a Movie!



Treatment



Portable Hygiene Unit



Realities from the Road



More than dentistry



Kid Quotes

- “All the teeth that are blank are lost, I’m growing them in.”
- “Yeah, I have one older brother, he’s in eighth grade, he’s almost a senior.”
- “Do you wash your teeth?”, “I don’t”
- “My Grandmother likes playing pool.”
- “Dads are supposed to be nice.”
- "I've eaten rubber gloves before."

Success

- Positive dental experience for patients
- Preventive treatment
- Have never been to the dentist
- School support
- Regional schedule
- Volunteers
- Publicity about dentistry

Success



Volunteers



OUTREACH

Promoting DFO mission to school teachers & staff



Tooth Taxi Invitation

Visit the Tooth Taxi for a Tour and a Free Toothbrush

- Who: School Faculty and Staff
- Where: Tooth Taxi will be parked at _____
- When: Lunchtime or after school

The Dental Foundation of Oregon's mobile dental van the Tooth Taxi will be parked at _____ through _____ treating students. Stop by and learn more about our program and pick up your free toothbrush!

Read about recent Tooth Taxi school visits at www.SmileOnOregon.org under "News".



Tooth Taxi

Where we've been

All Corners of the state and points in-between:

- Northeast to Milton-Freewater
- Northwest to Astoria
- East to Jordan Valley
- South to Merrill & Malin
- West to Port Orford

State lines we've crossed:

Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada

Tooth Taxi Stats

- Sept 2008 – Sept. 23, 2010
 - Dental screenings – 7533 students
 - Oral hygiene classroom ed – 3816 students
 - Students treated in the van – 2940
 - Value of dental services provided - \$1,941,307

How you can help

- Support the value of the Tooth Taxi in schools and community
- Identify students needing treatment
- Volunteers- dental professionals
- Contacts with local media
- Local recommendations (lodging, restaurants)

Rewards

Dear Dr. Heringer + staff—

I want to thank you for the wonderful service you have provided for my children + our family. We are a family with five children + health insurance, but no dental insurance. We have known for some time our children needed attention to their dental needs, but it has been difficult for our budget. As a mother, I have worried + felt guilty regarding this matter, + even just last week I was again wondering how I would fill this need for my family.

Your services have been a wonderful + unexpected ~~but~~ blessing. They have eased my mind greatly + I am so very grateful. May you continue your wonderful work + know you are appreciated!

Love,
Shannon Richards
+ family

Thank you

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