

Giving Kids A Smile



Q: What causes this doctor to smile?

A: Being able to help kids like Jesus!

Recently we called upon **Dr. Robert Galvan**, endodontist, to help us with a 10-year old boy from a Hays County school. Jesus was experiencing pain due to the immediate need of a root canal with apexification. Dr. Galvan quickly responded and completed all treatment in just one visit. Jesus and his Mom were very grateful for the compassionate and speedy care rendered by our collaborative partnership with volunteer providers. Here's what Jesus wrote:

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Thank you for fixing my tooth. It use to feel like this ←



Now when you fixed my tooth can feel better now. I can chew frome both sides and drink cold water.

Sincerely, Jesus Mendez

*Thank you so much...
mom Elm. Jesus*

Announcing new clinical director!



She's a familiar face to our dental program and to the dental society! We are fortunate to announce that...

Dr. Patrice Coons has accepted the position as our new Clinical Director. Patrice joined the staff of St. David's Dental Program in December 2005 and has provided dental care on the vans, as well as leadership in developing standards of operations. Many of you have already met Patrice, who has been in the Austin dental community since 1995. After graduating from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, she established a private practice in Houston for 15 years. Patrice served as the Clinical Director of the Sansing Clinic from 1998 through 2005.

We extend our thanks to **Dr. Dianne Forbes**, who has been a critically important part of our program for more than four years. She served as a staff dentist and more recently as clinical director. Dianne's enthusiasm for our mission has been a driving force in our continued success. During our rapid expansion in the past year, Dianne had major back surgery, requiring an extended recovery. While she has been unable to return to clinical dentistry, she has been tireless in her focus on the administration of our program. This change in her day-to-day involvement in dentistry has led Dianne to reflect and recognize that her administrative duties are not as fulfilling as clinical dentistry, and she has decided to pursue other areas of interest. So, it is with sadness that we have accepted her resignation.



We have 58 eligible Lanier students that are excited about the opportunity to receive much needed dental care! We will soon be contacting our Lanier Challenge volunteers as we begin to place students in your offices

