

Going back to school...



*Pedodontist
Dr. John Hinding
and anesthetist
Norma
Wermerskirchen
sharing smiles with
Martin.*

...with a new smile

"At first, I was shocked that the van was not going to treat one of my students from Tobias Elementary," said Ms. Boytim, director of Student Health Services for Hays Consolidated ISD, sharing her dismay. Then she happily discovered that our staff dentist, Dr. Grigsby, recommended 7-year old Martin for referral services because of the extensive treatment that was needed – multiple restorations and extractions.

"How does the referral program work?" Boytim queried. We explained that we have been trying to build a list of private dentists who would be willing to take some of our referral cases. We don't expect the private dentist to provide all of the treatment – each provider determines what they are able to perform pro bono. "Point being, that is was great for Dr. John Hinding in your school district to offer total dental care for Martin," remarked the dental program's volunteer coordinator. In order to complete our cycle of care, a home visit was conducted with Martin and his family in to talk about all the care that Martin needed and to educate the family about what causes cavities, food choices, and importance of brushing.

On the day that Martin was scheduled for treatment, his family, Ms. Boytim and our volunteer coordinator all gathered in the dental office of Dr. John Hinding. Norma Wermerskirchen, CRNA was the volunteer anesthetist. Afterwards Dr. Hinding remarked, "Norma and I were glad to be able to contribute our skills to help the Tolentino family; Martin is a great little guy. He had numerous abscesses and broken down teeth. We performed pulp therapy, restorations and extractions. Martin tolerated the procedures well. Using an anesthetist and IV meds in my office seems an efficient and safe way of treating unfortunate children, such as Martin. And avoiding a hospitalization is cost-effective. Thanks to all concerned!!"

If you would like to participate as a volunteer provider in the convenience of your office, please call Michelle at 879-6230.



"Where are the new Tooth Mobiles?"

We greatly appreciate how much the Capital Area Dental Society and local dentists support the mobile dental project of the St. David's Dental Program. The Society has been generous through financial support, through volunteers serving on the Tooth Mobiles, and with volunteer providers treating some of our patients in their office.

Many are asking, "Where are the new Tooth Mobiles?" We are hoping to receive two new Tooth Mobiles on November 1 and a third on December 1. Our expansion continues!

How does this affect the program's delivery of services with the school year about to start?

As we start the school year with 1 1/2 vans serving AISD, we will be operating at a somewhat reduced capacity until the new vans arrive. (We have the use of the City of Austin's van only half time.) When the new vans are in service we will be able to serve all of the Title I elementary and middle schools in AISD and Del Valle ISD, and then add services in the Hays County schools.

How does this affect CADS?

Not at all. We will continue to have children and musicians whose problems are too serious for our vans. Our volunteer providers are a lifeline for these people.

Now, more than ever, we need dentists to accept a child or musician for treatment in their office – a child who has multiple caries or unusual needs beyond the scope of service on the mobile vans.

CAN YOU HELP? Call: 879-6230

We want to thank CADS and those dentists who partner with us to provide dental care to thousands in need.



*That's why we are holding a
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
October 29*

Watch for your invitation!

