

CEO's Letter



Dear Dientes Family,

If you're like me, you're still learning how to cope in this "new normal."

Like so many, my family is adjusting to virtual school, to COVID-19 safety and our socially distant lives, and to air that is just recently breathable.

Families throughout our community are facing these challenges while also making ends meet during an economic crisis and recovering from a fire that has devastated neighborhoods.

It's astonishing how many crises can collide at once.

But, amid the chaos of this moment, lies a fierce resiliency and compassion. I know that because of you -- through it all, you have stood by our patients.

Your generosity helps those suffering from emergencies and those enduring everyday struggles.

Thank you for supporting us along the way.

This year has taught me that planning for the future is so important. That's why my husband and I recently completed our estate plan, promising a significant gift to Dientes.

Despite the uncertainty we are all facing, we feel it's important to commit to what we value and hope our gift will leave a legacy of health from our family to our community.

I encourage you and your family to join us and do the same. Let's create generations of healthy smiles together!

Thank you!



Laura Marcus
Chief Executive Officer

Welcoming New Pediatric Dentist **Dr. Sean Silverio**

With a big heart for children, Dr. Sean Silverio joined Dientes in August as our new pediatric dentist. Bilingual in English and Spanish, his focus is on our youngest patients, aged 0-7.

"I'm passionate about helping families understand the importance of prevention," says Dr. Sean about his new job. "But even more, I'm excited to help children have a fun, comfortable dental visit."

Dr. Sean graduated from dental school at UCSF and did his pediatric residency at Montefiore Medical Center in New York.



WHAT people are SAYING

"Thank you for treating me so well and for making me feel so welcome during these difficult COVID-19 times."

- Mara, patient

"All the people that work there are so kind. I got my dignity back! Thank you so much!"

- Debbie, patient

"Dientes provides such an important service to so many people -- it makes a huge impact on overall health."

- Andrea, donor

"I help because dental care is important for everyone."

- Anonymous, donor

Paying it Forward: **Your Kindness Multiplied**

Hygiene Kits for CZU Fire Victims



Answering the call for supplies, Dientes provided 700 oral hygiene kits to those displaced by the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire. Kits included a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss.

"This year has been tough financially. It's been challenging to ensure our 11,000 patients continue to have a place to call their dental home," explains Dientes CEO Laura Marcus. *"But our community has been there for us through it all. So when the fires hit, we knew we needed to step up do our part to be there for the community."*



Dental Care Provided at Fire Evacuation Shelter

Rising to the need, Dientes deployed our Outreach Team to provide emergency dental care at the Watsonville Fire Evacuation Shelter in September. Patients were able to see a dentist to take care of pain and have a check up.



"The CZU fire evacuees have already been through so much, the last thing they need is a toothache. I'm glad we were able to bring free dental care to the shelter so no one's health has to take a backseat to the long to-do list facing fire victims," commented Dientes COO Tiffany Turner on why this care is so important.

"Being able to go to the dentist gives me some sense of normalcy in the midst of all this chaos! Something I really need, so thank you!"

- Molly, Dientes patient & CZU Fire evacuee



Leaving a Legacy of **Healthy Smiles** ... It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

You can contribute to the lasting oral health of future generations by including Dientes in your estate planning. Simply make Dientes a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, retirement account, will or living trust.

1 **Change your beneficiary**
Request a change of beneficiary form from your life insurance agent or retirement plan administrator. Or, talk with your estate attorney.

2 **Identify Dientes**
Dientes Community Dental Care
1830 Commercial Way
Santa Cruz, CA 95065
Tax ID: 77-0311752

3 **Let us know**
Help us acknowledge and thank you by filling out a Legacy Gift Letter of Intent found here: dientes.org/donate

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