

Growing Together for a Bright Future



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

We are on a mission to create lasting oral health for the underserved children and adults of Santa Cruz County and neighboring communities.



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COMMUNITY DENTAL CARE

Dear Dientes Family,

We have so much for which to be grateful.

Our front-line staff came together to meet the challenges of yet another tough year. As working in full PPE has become the new norm, they went above and beyond to make our patients feel safe and comfortable—all while delivering high quality, comprehensive oral healthcare with stellar patient and staff satisfaction rates.

Their compassion and commitment give us hope.

And there are more reasons to be optimistic. Our amazing community has come together to break ground on our new clinic at 1500 Capitola Road—part of a vibrant health and housing campus in the heart of Live Oak.

We are investing in the next generation.

This begins at birth and is why we pledged \$300k to the local Semillitas program. We're supporting children's oral health milestones with college account investments starting with their first dental visit.

We were also thrilled to re-start our school Outreach Program in fall 2021, after pausing due to the pandemic. For many children, this Program is their first time seeing a dentist, making it a key strategy towards our goal of ensuring all children have a dental home—a regular, ongoing source of dental care.

2022 promises big things ... celebrating our 30th anniversary, opening our new clinic at 1500 Capitola Road, the release of a new oral health needs assessment and strategic plan, and so much more. None of this work would be possible without your generous support. You are the reason we can continue to provide care for uninsured and low-income patients in the face of monumental challenges.

Together, we are growing for a bright future.

Thank you!



Laura Marcus

Laura Marcus
Chief Executive Officer



Michael Moore

Michael Moore
Board Chair

Financial Health

Statement of Activities: June 30, 2021 (Audited)

Income: \$ 11,129,480
 Expenses: \$ 9,451,187
Net Income*: \$ 1,678,293



74% Earned Income
 26% Grants & Contributions



80% Patient Care
 16% Administration
 4% Fundraising

*Includes fundraising for our new clinic at 1500 Capitola Road.

Serving Our Community

FY 20-21

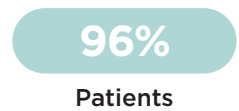


37,054
Visits



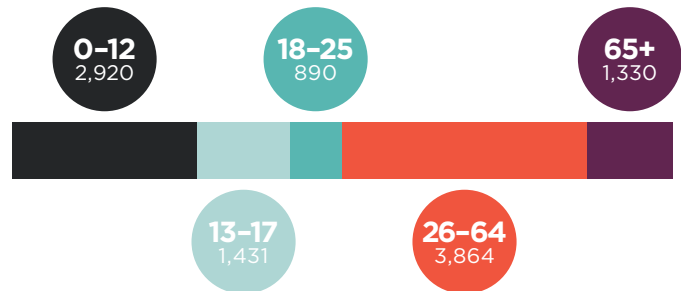
10,435
Patients

Satisfaction Rates



Caring for Patients of All Ages*

FY 20-21



*Includes 804 patients experiencing homelessness.



1500 Capitola Road: Groundbreaking Celebrates Growing Access to Care

On a beautiful spring 2021 morning, we marked the start of construction for our new, integrated, 3.7 acre health and housing campus at 1500 Capitola Road with so many of the people who made this milestone happen. We are so grateful to you all for your support!

The first mixed-use development of its kind in Santa Cruz, Dientes will provide comprehensive dental care for 6,000 low-income patients a year in a state-of-the-art, 11-chair dental clinic. We will do this with our partners, Santa Cruz Community Health (SCCH to serve 10,000 patients a year) and MidPen Housing (to provide affordable housing for 157 people). Together, we will address the deep needs of our vulnerable Live Oak neighbors, where 13–26% of District students are homeless, thousands of adults do not have a doctor, and 78% of adults on Medi-Cal don't have a dentist.

Stay tuned for details on our grand opening celebration in fall 2022 for Dientes and SCCH. MidPen will open in 2023.

To learn more: [1500capitolaroad.org](https://www.1500capitolaroad.org)



Dientes Outreach Program: Keeping Children Focused on School

In 2020, early in the pandemic, schools were remote, which meant that our Outreach Program was not available to serve some of our most vulnerable patients—low-income children who need dental care at schools because they can't make it to the dentist.

All that changed in spring 2021 when we modified our program to provide care outdoors at a few schools. With the return of in-person instruction, we began serving more students by offering indoor care at 16 schools throughout the county (cover picture).

Our Outreach Program is a critical service for students, addressing transportation as a barrier to essential care and allowing children to focus on school instead of a toothache. Untreated dental decay is one of the most common chronic childhood diseases—affecting 1 in 5 children in California. And, these children are 3X more likely to miss school because of dental pain. We are excited to be back in schools helping kids have healthy smiles!



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Thank you to our volunteers who help us provide the dignity that comes with a healthy smile.

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Semillitas:
Encouraging Oral Health Early

Dientes and Santa Cruz Community Ventures have joined forces to give children born in Santa Cruz County after December 31, 2020 a head start on a bright future. We are celebrating oral health milestones, like first tooth/first birthday, annual exams, and sealants, by contributing up to \$200 per child towards their Semillitas college savings accounts. In an upstream approach towards health, Dientes is encouraging great dental habits from birth and building an education fund for later in life.

Your Support:
Monthly Giving Sustains Us

Become a monthly donor and you'll provide exactly the kind of stable, consistent support we need to build a community where kids can focus on school instead of a toothache, adults can make a good first impression and get a job because they have a healthy smile, and seniors can comfortably eat nutritious food.

Monthly donors help ensure that cost, insurance, income, language, and transportation don't prevent people from visiting the dentist. No gift is too small!

To learn more: dientes.org/monthly or contact us at development@dientes.org



“ *Dientes means the world to me. I hadn't been to a dentist in five years and was eating cereal all of the time. I didn't want anyone to see my teeth. Now I can smile again.* ”
— Linda, Patient