

Mission

We Are One is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley and other participating clubs and the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador to provide health services to underserved families in the Dominican Republic.

We have applied for a Rotary Foundation grant to fund a free Mobile Dental Clinic. We need your support to make this project a reality.

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Join Us

Improve the lives of thousands in the Dominican Republic through free dental care...

Become a partner club

- Help us raise funds for a Mobile Dental Clinic, which will go into operation this year
- Collaborate with other Rotary Clubs, medical professionals, and NGOs in the Dominican Republic and the United States
- Help us augment local staffing with visiting dental professionals from the United States
- Improve the health and lives of more than 20,000 people in the San Felipe area of the Dominican Republic



Give the gift that millions will never experience

Our partners to date

- Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador
- Rotary District 4060
- Clinica SODHAIDESA
- Dr. David Paul, Associate Professor, Tufts School of Dental Medicine
- Rotary Club of East Fitchburg



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The We Are One Mobile Dental Clinic is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, participating Rotary clubs in the United States, and the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador to provide free dental health services to underserved children and their families in the Dominican Republic. Beginning in the fall of 2013, the mobile dental clinic will serve children and their families in the San Felipe area, located north of the capital, Santo Domingo. This area consists of twelve poor communities of approximately 20,000 people. Poverty prevents these families from obtaining adequate dental care, and tooth decay affects children more than any other chronic infectious disease. Untreated tooth decay can cause pain and serious infections in the brain, lungs, and heart and developmental problems such as eating, speaking, playing, and learning. This project addresses several Rotary areas of focus: maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, and peace and conflict prevention/resolution.

Sustainability

Based in Villa Mella, Santo Domingo Norte, Clinica SODHAIDESA is a non-governmental organization (NGO) with strong Rotary involvement. Led by Rotarian Dr. Frantz Compere, the clinic has a significant reputation for Dominican and Haitian humanitarian efforts. Clinica SODHAIDESA will own and operate the mobile dental clinic in accordance with Rotary Foundation requirements, provide and manage two dentists (one from the clinic and one who is a Rotarian), purchase the truck with project funds, outfit the truck with donated equipment and supplies, manage the dental services schedule in the twelve San Felipe communities, provide maintenance and fuel, and organize efforts with schools and the local community.

The Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador is the host Rotary club. It is a young and active club with prior involvement in helping people in the Villa Mella area. It will oversee all the financial matters of the project in the Dominican Republic. The club will also assist Clinica SODHAIDESA in organizing the mobile dental clinic, serve as a liaison with the San Felipe communities using a local community foundation that is already working with Rotary, and help with the visiting dentist professional program.

Dr. David Paul, Associate Professor at Tufts School of Dental Medicine, will lead the visiting dentist professional program. Dr. Paul has considerable experience in providing international dental care relief to impoverished countries. The first dental team will begin clinical operations in the summer of 2013.

Donated Dental Equipment

Six retiring Massachusetts dentists have already donated dental office equipment, including dental chairs, X-ray units, instruments, equipment, and a large variety of dental supplies. This equipment will be installed in the mobile dental clinic using primarily donated labor and materials. The project includes a small budget for locally purchased items needed for outfitting the truck.

Funding

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley has committed to raising the funds for the We Are One Mobile Dental Clinic, working with other participating Rotary clubs in District 7910 and Rotary clubs in other Rotary districts. The Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador has also committed funding for the project. Additionally, the Rotary Foundation approved a matching Global Grant in March 2013: grant MG-78989.

Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley and other Rotary clubs in District 7910; Rotary Clubs in other districts.	\$18,507
Rotary District 7910 matching grant	\$9,970
Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador	\$600
Rotary District 4060 (Dominican Republic) matching grant	\$1,000
Rotary Foundation matching grant	\$20,523
Total project budget	\$50,600

Use of Funds

Project funds will be used to purchase the truck and outfit it with an electrical generator, a compressor, and an air conditioner. Other funded items include shipping costs for the donated dental equipment and supplies, dental supplies for five years, a laptop computer and printer for registering patients, and other outfitting supplies.

Become a Partner Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley invites all Rotary clubs to partner in this approved Rotary Foundation project through a donation.

Rotary clubs in District 7910 should make checks out to: **The Rotary Foundation.**

In the check memo line, write: **We Are One.**

Mail your checks to:

Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley
PO Box 322
Stow, MA 01775

Clubs in District 7910 will receive Paul Harris credit for their donations.

Rotary clubs outside of District 7910 are also encouraged to write checks directly to the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, so that the maximum District 7910 and Rotary Foundation matching grant funds are added to your donation.

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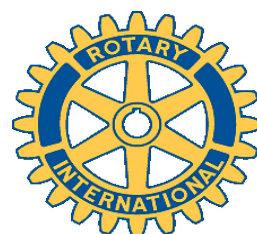
The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley serves Lancaster, Bolton, and Stow, MA. We welcome all guests and prospective members.

First and third Thursdays:
 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM

Houghton Building
 (across from the Bolton elementary and middle schools)
 697 Main Street, Bolton, MA 01740
 (Route 117 West from I495, Exit 27)

Second and fourth Thursdays:
 5:45 PM to 7:00 PM

Nancy's Airfield Café
 302 Boxboro Road
 Stow, MA 01775





We Are One Newsletter



Mobile Dental Clinic Project San Felipe, Dominican Republic

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Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, MA

Our Story

Nine months ago, Richard Simon of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley visited the Dominican Republic (DR) on vacation. While there, he attended a Rotary meeting and met Dr. Frantz Compere, who runs the SODHAIDESA health clinic in the San Felipe area. Dr. Compere is active in serving the people in that region and shared his dream of having a Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC) that he could use to care for children and adults in the community. We are partnering with Juan Domingo Reyes, President of the Santo Domingo Innovador Rotary Club, to fulfill this dream.



Dr. Frantz Compere

First Steps

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley enthusiastically embraced the project as its first international project. Natascha Finnerty joined to head up dentist donations, and Mary Garcia joined the organizing committee. We appreciate the leadership and efforts of our Club President, Karin Gaffney.



Our Goal

We want to begin MDC operations in mid 2013. The MDC will be staffed with two dentists: one from Clinica SODHAIDESA and another who is a Rotarian. The MDC will circulate among public elementary, middle, and high schools as well as other community locations to serve the adult community. The staff will be augmented by visiting dental professionals from the USA.

Affiliation with Dr. David Paul



Dr. David Paul, Tufts University Dental School

Dr. Paul is heading our project's International Dental Professional Exchange Program. This program will bring dental professionals and students from the US to the Dominican Republic to help with the MDC and achieve Rotary's goal of international peace. Dr. Paul has been a clinical faculty member of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine since 1990. Since 2005, he has directed the dental school's component of the Tufts University Community Service Learning Experience in Nicaragua, providing care in the poorest and most isolated part of Central America. Dr. Paul also serves on the Board of Directors for Help Mercy International, a non-profit that helps administer and fund a dental clinic, hospital, HIV clinics, and nutrition programs in Africa. We welcome Dr. Paul to the DR-Mobile Dental Clinic Project.

Massachusetts Dental Society Journal Ad

Donations Begin to Roll In

An ad in the Massachusetts Dental Society Journal asked for contributions and donations from dentists. The results have been steady and generous.



The first donated equipment included X-ray dental examining chairs, a video viewer, and equipment storage from **Dr. John M. Aloia** of Woburn, MA. Rotarian Natascha Finnerty receives dental chairs.



Additional Contributions

Dr. Dino R. Angelici
Holliston, MA

2 chairs, orthodontic equipment, lights, X-ray, and general dental equipment and supplies

Dr. Mitch Burgin
Williamstown, MA
Dental instruments and supplies

Dr. Ruth Rosenberg
Villanova, PA
X-ray, cure lights, toothpaste, and supplies

Dr. Laura DiLuca of Koglin Orthodontics, Newburyport, MA, donated mobile suction units, general orthodontic and dental equipment, tools and supplies, and X-ray equipment.

Dr. Lawrence Coulter of Wellfleet, MA, donated a dental chair, air powered tools, Cavitron teeth cleaners, an Autoclave, and general dental equipment and supplies.

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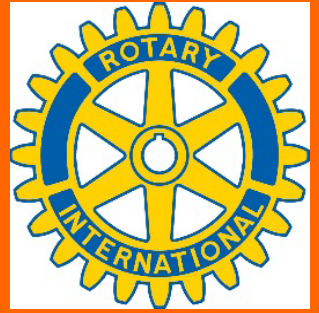
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Our Dominican Republic Rotary Partner

The Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador is partnering with the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley in bringing the Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC) to the San Felipe area. The Innovador club is comprised of young people in their 20s and 30s with a club culture consistent with their youth and energy. They proudly proclaim that they do away with formality and “just get the job done.” The dedication and enthusiasm to helping the less fortunate in their country is inspirational.



Richard Simon, International Projects Chair, meets with Rotary members in Santo Domingo.



“By joining our efforts, we can achieve better results... We walk together.”

Status Updates

- Members of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley made two visits to the Dominican Republic.
- Early registration of students and families begins.
- The truck design is envisioned.
- We have an aggressive schedule of presentations to various Rotary Clubs.
- Donations from Rotary Clubs near and far begin.
- Local dentist lends support.
- Dr. Compere and Dr. Paul will meet in Massachusetts in April.

Dr. David Paul Tufts Dental School

In April, Dr. David Paul from the Tufts School of Dental Medicine will meet in Massachusetts with Dr. Frantz Compere, the doctor who is coordinating our program in the Dominican Republic. They will discuss plans to work together to make the program a success, including the rotation of four-year dental students from Tufts to the mobile dental clinic. While in the United States, Dr. Compere and Dr. Paul will make a special presentation on April 4 at Nancy's Airfield Café in Stow, MA to share the progress of the program. All Rotarians, local dentists, and the public are invited to attend. For more information, contact info@nashobarotary.org.



Local Rotarians Visit the Dominican Republic

In separate visits over the last several months, Natascha Finnerty and Richard Simon have visited the area to ensure good communication and steady progress. They connected with the local Rotary Club and visited the clinic, local schools, and children in the area. Richard met with the local Rotary Club, and for much of the meeting, they discussed plans for organizing the MDC project. Dr. Compere is the club's mentor on this project, and the members were very engaged in determining how to organize the receiving communities long before the truck comes into existence.



Natascha Finnerty and her son, Connor, join local Rotarians in the Dominican Republic, including Dr. Frantz Compere.

The Power of Your Donation

Your donation to the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley for the MDC project will be matched in two ways:

1. Our regional district will match dollar for dollar any donations made.
2. The Rotary Foundation will also match the district funds and will provide an additional 50 cents on the dollar for any funds raised by the club.

For example, a donation of \$1,000 will automatically be turned into \$3,500, which will be used to support this campaign directly.

To donate or to find out more about donations, please contact Richard Simon at 978-835-4432 or rlsimon@comcast.net.

Children Register in San Felipe

Since our January newsletter, Richard Simon has made a second visit to San Felipe. He and Dr. Compere have visited schools and spoken with many principals. They have now begun registering their students and their families to receive dental care this fall from the mobile dental clinic. Families in this area currently receive no dental care at all. Families and schools have already expressed great enthusiasm and gratitude for the work that is being done to provide these services to the area.

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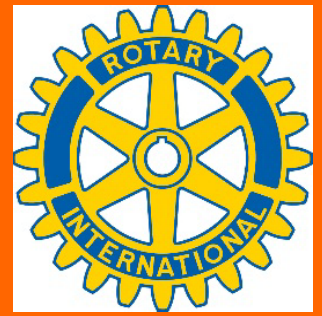
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Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, MA

An Official Visit



Dr. David Paul, Richard Simon and Dr. Franz Compere meet in MA

Dr. Franz Compere, pediatrician and our Dominican partner in this project, came to Massachusetts the first week in April for a week-long visit with the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley. He was invited to come to work one-on-one with members of the club. It was a whirlwind trip that included: an in-depth strategic planning of the project, several presentations to local rotary groups and a formal evening with Dr. David Paul, our partner from Tuft's Dental School. Throughout this visit we discussed and planned more ways to make sure this project is successful and sustainable. Dr. Compere remarked how pleased and impressed he was to see the dedication and passion from this small group of committed Rotarians.

Spreading the Word

Richard Simon, International Projects Chair, along Karin Gaffney, President, have worked tirelessly to keep the mission of the project in the hearts and minds of others who may be willing to help. They have, in the last, several months, gone to visit over 25 other rotary groups in the northeast, to speak about the project's success and needs. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 and we are over 80% of the way to this important Finish Line.

Contributing Clubs

District 7910 Rotary Clubs - MA:

- Acton/Boxborough
- Billerica
- Brookline
- Concord
- Fitchburg East
- Fitchburg
- Framingham
- Littleton
- Montachusett Area
- Watertown
- Westford
- Westwood

Boston University Interact Club

District 7980: CT Club

- Westport Sunrise

District 7450: PA Clubs

- Haverford Township
- West Chester
- Conshohocken Plym. Whitemarsh

Rotary Club District 4060:

Dominican Republic

- Santo Domingo Innovator

Rotary Foundation Grants and Awards Received

We are pleased to announce that We Are One Dental Clinic project has been the recipient of two major grants. The first is from our regional district and the second is from the Rotary Foundation Fund. Both are matching grants adding \$30,000 to dollars we have raised and will provide the monies to complete the project. At the regional Annual Meeting of the District 7910, in May, Richard Simon, International Project Chair, received the Rotary Foundation's District Service Award. The club received 11 awards including Best Club and the International Award. With these two grants and the generous contributions from local rotary clubs, dentists and individuals, we are nearing our monetary goal.



Karin Gaffney receives club awards at District Conference including District International Award.



First Trip for Tufts Dental Students

In August, Dr. David Paul will be taking a team of 4 Tufts Dental students to the Dominican Republic, where they will be working at Dr. Compere's Sodhaidesa clinic to provide dental care to approximately 250 patients.

Though they will not yet be working in the Mobile Dental Van, this opportunity will be an introduction to the kind of dental services "The We Are One" program will be providing when the mobile dental clinic is up and running. This will give the students a chance to understand the realities of their working conditions and prepare them for the demanding caseloads.

This is the first of several trips that Tuft's Dental students will be making to support the efforts of the We Are One project.



Tech Support Found

Jesse Wallace, a member of the Rotary Club of Watertown, heard Richard Simon's presentation about the We Are One Mobile Dental Clinic, and offered his expertise in computer technology, engineering, and mechanics to support the technology needs of the van.

Jesse has already provided the team with excellent ideas and guidance on the types of hardware and software needed to efficiently run the MDC. These include: patient management software, radiological technology support, and he has even offered to help physically wire the van.

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley is extremely grateful for Jesse's guidance and expertise. He is adding a new level of expertise to ensure that this project does not encounter any technology failures.

Clean Hands

In conjunction with the national initiative to educate Dominicans about good health through sanitary practices, the Mobile Dental Clinic will be providing information to all of its patients about the clean hands project. Working together, these two projects can make a huge difference in the overall quality of health for the people in this area.



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