



We Are One Newsletter



Mobile Dental Clinic Project San Felipe, Dominican Republic

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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.



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

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.

About the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley

Serving Lancaster, Bolton, and Stow, we welcome all guests and prospective members. Join us at a meeting! 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month: Breakfast meetings in Bolton.

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month: Sunset meetings in Stow.

To learn more, visit www.nashobarotary.org.

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