



We Are One



Mission

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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