

We Are One Newsletter



Mobile Dental Clinic Project San Felipe, Dominican Republic

Fund Raising... "Over the Top"



In August, the We Are One project completed its fund raising program with contributions from twenty Rotary clubs in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, individuals, and dentists. These donations unlocked about \$30,000 in District 7910 and Rotary Foundation matching grants for a total of \$52,600 to support a Mobile Dental Clinic for San Felipe, Dominican Republic. Now the project can enter its implementation phase. The generosity of donors will give the gift of better dental health to thousands of Dominican children. Thanks to all of our "We Are One" project supporters!

Contributing Clubs

Rotary Clubs in District 7910, MA Acton-Boxborough, Billerica, Brookline, Concord, Fitchburg East, Fitchburg, Framingham, Hudson, Littleton, Marlborough Montachusett Area, Watertown, Westford, Westwood

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Rotary Club in District 4060, Dominican Republic Santo Domingo Innovator

Tufts Dental Clinic in San Felipe

We Are One's partnership with Tufts University School of Dental Medicine resulted in a free dental clinic in San Felipe, Dominican Republic. Dr. David Paul of Tufts and four of his dental students and resident doctors visited San Felipe, just north of the capital, Santo Domingo, during the first week of August. For one week, the dental clinic, set up in the SODHAIDESA Clinic, served over 150 children and adults with dental care. Every morning dozens of children and adults showed up at the clinic, were triaged, and given complete examinations.

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They also received extractions as needed, fluoride applications, and instructions on personal dental care, such as flossing and brushing. Nashoba Valley Rotarians Richard Simon and Fatima Serra served as the support team for triaging, scheduling, interpreting, fixing anything needing repair, and even dental charting! During the week, the team met with the Ministry of Health, which agreed to support the project with dentists and supplies.





Implementation Begins in San Felipe with Schools and Ministry of Health

HEALTHY TEETH, HAPPY SMILES

In October, the SODHAIDESA Clinic Director and project director, Dr. Frantz Compere, and his team met with the authorities of the Ministry of Public Health Area III, including the Director, Dr. Andres Cuevas, Oral Health Coordinator, Dr. Auddys Castillo, Assistant Oral Health Program, Dr. Ruth Aquino Lamb, and Katherine Georges, who is in charge of SODHAIDESA Clinical Nursing. Dr. Auddys Castillo agreed to use the following name for the project: "HEALTHY TEETH, HAPPY SMILES."

At the meeting, the authorities of the Ministry also agreed to provide all necessary support for the project. The Director of Area III and SODHAIDESA are signing an agreement to work together in the municipality and to support the project. Health workers will be trained to work in the prevention of diseases in children and will benefit from the project.



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San Felipe Primary Schools Meeting

Also in October, a delegation from Clinica SODHAIDESA held its first official meeting for the schools of San Felipe, kicking off the oral health project, "HEALTHY TEETH, HAPPY SMILES." After meeting with the Director of the schools, Mr. Cecilio Jimenez, the group met with more than 35 teachers to explain the project's objectives and the schools' participation. Currently, fourteen schools in San Felipe will participate. All teachers were very happy and expressed their support for the project. Several members of the Development Council of San Felipe and the program "Calm Living" of the Ministry of Interior and Police also participated in the meeting.

Clinica SODHAIDESA is a member of the Council for Development of San Felipe. Dr. Frantz Compere was elected as the coordinator of the Health Commission. Everyone agreed that this project is one of the largest projects to be developed in the San Felipe community during the next five years. Additionally, everyone on the council will support the project for its great success.



About the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley

Serving Lancaster, Bolton, and Stow, MA, we welcome all guests and prospective members. Join us at a meeting!

1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month: Breakfast meetings in Bolton, MA 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month: Sunset meetings in Stow, MA

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