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by Smile Restore
for Agenda Item No. 7
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How Can You Help?

Donations are needed!

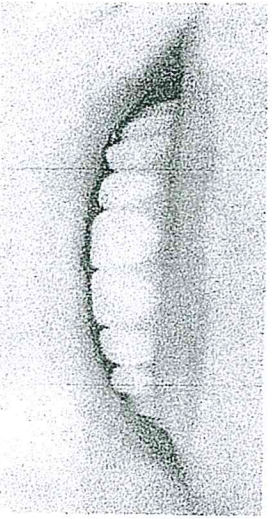
Although Smile Restore is a non-profit organization, there are still expenses associated with care. We desire that our patients, at the time of their visit, would consider making a donation to help defray these costs. Businesses and members of the community could make a major impact in our patients' lives with a donation of any value. We greatly appreciate any and all community support.

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

— Winston Churchill

Volunteers are needed!

Dental students can complete their externship with us, and gain additional training and hands-on experience. Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants of all levels are greatly needed to help serve our community. We invite them to volunteer their services and work alongside our professional staff once or twice a month, or more, and in return they will receive the satisfaction of knowing they have helped change the life of someone who might not otherwise receive dental care.



About SmileRestore

SmileRestore is a dental office uniquely created to be a referral based non-profit service to the very people who need us the most. In August of 2012 the 501 (c)(3) status was granted.

The current SmileRestore office was an older dental office that needed some work and remodeling that began in the fall of 2013. Finally, on December 1, 2014, we opened our doors to receive patients. Since its inception, the goals of SmileRestore have been to improve access to dental care, improve dental health, establish partnerships with other social agencies, solicit additional dental care providers for off-site and onsite service, and to fund operations.

SmileRestore greatly values their patients, as well as the partners, volunteers and employees who make the operations of this non-profit possible.

Our Mission Statement

To help underserved Nevadans improve their overall health through active dental treatment, increased knowledge, and awareness of dental health.

Our Vision

Open doors to dental services that have otherwise been shut for populations that have limited or no access to care.

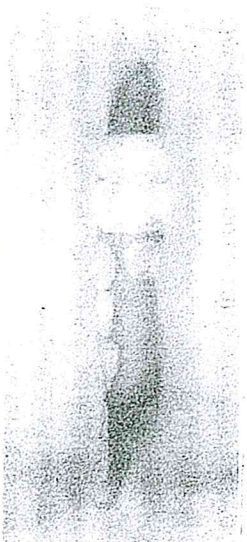
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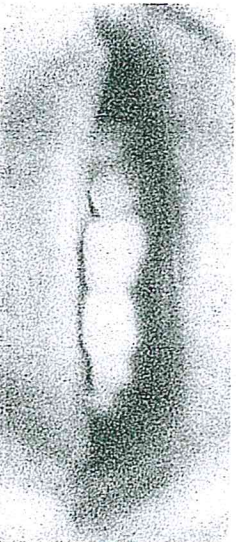
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Restoring Confidence
and Hope

One Smile at a Time



Before



After

The Target Populations

Dedicated to provide dental services to Northern Nevada residents (with a focus on Washoe and the surrounding counties), SmileRestore welcomes veterans, families, the elderly, the medically and/or physically compromised, and the underemployed and under insured.

The Health Concerns

Nevada State population exceeds 2.8 million.

Nearly 40% of the population had not visited a dentist or dental clinic within the past year.

Approximately 65,000 children under the age of 19 were at or below 200% FPL (Federal Poverty Level) without insurance.

Nearly 39% of seniors are without dental insurance.

Over 18% had lost all of their teeth.

Nearly 26% had lost six or more teeth.

According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in surveys listing and ranking the 10 highest unmet needs for homeless veterans, dental care was consistently ranked by homeless veterans as one of their top 3 unmet needs, along with long-term permanent housing and childcare.

Ken Retherath, division director for Washoe County Department of Social Services, Adult Services, explained that the nutritious meals provided by different organizations are always non-chew foods because those in need don't have teeth to eat.



The Impact SmileRestore Makes

Many members of the community have been able to see a dentist for the first time in years – sometimes for the first time ever! Since opening in late 2014, SmileRestore has seen over 300 patients. Often it has taken several visits to complete their restorations. With the dental care they've received, many patients are no longer in pain, are able to eat more than a soft food and liquid diet, are on the road to having improved overall health, and with renewed confidence are seeking after better jobs.

David's Success Story

David, an Army veteran, had dental health problems since 2011. His oral condition negatively affected the health of his entire body. His teeth loosened and made it difficult to eat, and eventually his teeth started falling out.

X-rays and a diagnosis of needed treatment went unattended, except for antibiotics for the infections. Unfortunately, David did not qualify for additional treatment, and was having complications with his health that created an urgency for dental care.

Senator Dean Heller's office staff member, Glenna Smith, referred him to SmileRestore. They began treating his dental needs immediately. Within two weeks the infection and pain were gone, and he was comfortably wearing his new smile.

This is one of many milestones David has gone through to create a new and better quality of life. With many skills in construction, he has opportunities for gainful employment. In addition to receiving his care, David is one of our favorite volunteers at SmileRestore. Building relationships, building community.



Teresa's Success Story

For 19 years, Teresa had a history of being a methamphetamine user. Today she has been clean for more than 17 months. Prior to the moment when she became clean, she lived on the streets for 2-1/2 months in eastern Washington. When the owner of Rohan Ranch saw her swollen face, missing teeth, and terrible smile, they took her in and helped her turn her life around.

Sandy Finelli (who was with The Empowerment Center at the time) introduced Teresa to SmileRestore. To cover the cost of the denture, a Crowd Funding campaign was established. Teresa is now a resident aid at Rohan Ranch where she leads eight gentlemen (who have severe brain injuries).





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SmileRestore is a non-profit dental organization that serves, as its target population, underprivileged and underserved Nevadans of all ages! We are a referral based care group serving our fellow community civic groups and health and service groups who care for the targeted populations. (Our focus is on Washoe and the surrounding counties of Northern Nevada.)

Located on S. Wells Avenue in Reno, we rely heavily on funding from private donations. It is our intent to be an additional source for dental care for these populations alongside existing non-profits, dental societies in our region, and national service providers who address the same populations.

Our clinic has been a dental facility for over 90 years and is ready to serve again with a little face lift. The facility is professionally staffed and equipped to provide most common dental procedures - IN MIDTOWN RENO!

We seek your financial support of these needed dental services in our community, and hope you will choose to send us a donation. Please kindly fill out the coupon below and mail it to our clinic in the attached envelope (your stamp helps). Thanks in advance for your generous support!

The mission of SmileRestore is to restore, protect and improve the oral health of uninsured, low-income, working adults, the elderly and veterans in Northern Nevada through access to affordable quality dental care, oral disease prevention services and oral health education.

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