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Mandy's Story, "Moving on and Moving up"



Mandy is a stylist at a local salon and one day while working on a client she expressed her "aggravation" with her teeth. "I always kept my mouth covered with my hand. I was looking into getting them all pulled out and just getting dentures, stated Mandy." Fortunately, Mandy's client told her about the Interfaith Dental Clinic. Mandy was terrified of dental work, but she contacted the clinic and took the necessary steps to get the care that she so desperately needed and deserved.

"When I started coming to Interfaith, I just loved the atmosphere! They made me feel comfortable, so normal. I enjoyed going to the class because they let me know how it would work, what to expect and what was expected of me. There have been no surprises." Mandy is still in the midst of her treatment. She has received cleanings, crowns, root canals and fillings. She is currently working towards getting partials to fill in the spaces left behind by extracted teeth that could not be saved.

Mandy has already applied for a higher salaried position as a front desk receptionist. "It's something I would have never done before, states Mandy. This has been the most wonderful experience! I smile now, something I haven't done in ten years! I am moving on and moving up!"



The Story Behind the Smiles 2008

Please join us for the Interfaith Dental Clinic's Annual Breakfast and become a *Gift of a Smile Society* member

**Thursday, November 6, 2008
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
The Family of God Church at Woodmont Hills**

This event is a free breakfast that focuses on the tremendous difference quality dental care makes for the families the Interfaith Dental Clinic serves. In the last five years, the event has raised almost \$800,000 in pledges to support our services for low-income, working families and the elderly in Middle Tennessee. You can help make a difference! **Call Amy at 234-0365 to reserve a seat or host a table.**

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2008 Rutherford County Story Behind the Smiles



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On May 1st, 2008, over 350 people from Rutherford County and its surrounding communities assembled at the Stones River Country Club in Murfreesboro to raise funds and awareness for the work of the Interfaith Dental Clinic. The first annual Rutherford County *Story Behind the Smiles* dinner, co-chaired by Debbie Dray and Dr. Roy Thompson, raised over \$125,000 for Interfaith.

This fiscal year the clinic provided over \$150,000 in services to the citizens of Rutherford County. As knowledge of our work continues to grow, it is estimated that we will treat at least 135 Rutherford County patients in 2008. The Interfaith Dental Clinic is the only clinic in Middle Tennessee offering comprehensive dental services to this group of individuals.

The clinic relies on generous donations from individuals, churches and foundations to subsidize the cost of delivering this care and 85 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to patient services. Donations from the event's presenting sponsors: Middle Tennessee Electric, BioHorizons, Doral, Dempsey Vantrease & Follis, Mid-South Bus Center, The Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary and Roy Thompson, D.D.S. assured that all pledges went directly to Rutherford County patient care.



Event Chairmen, Dr. Roy Thompson and
Mrs. Debbie Dray



Dr. Robert Dray, Senator Jim Tracy and
Dr. Rhonda Switzer (Executive Director)



Dr. Mark Hardison and
Mr. Davis Young



Mrs. Missy Curry, Ms. Mitzi Michaelson
and Mrs. Lynn Lien



Jeff Pierce, Dr. Laura Pierce (Clinic Director),
Mrs. Lilly Hassan and Mr. Emil Hassan



Dr. Roy Thompson (Event Chair), Mrs. Trish
Nash, Senator Jim Tracy and Dr. Bill Nash

DO THE BRIGHT THING, BLEACH YOUR TEETH FOR CHARITY, SEPTEMBER 2008!!

**For a donation of \$175 to the Interfaith Dental Clinic, local dentists
will volunteer to bleach your teeth professionally!**

**Visit our website at www.interfaithdentalclinic.com or call 234-0365
to become a participating dentist or to find a participating dentist in
your area.**

Music City Half Marathon

Dr. Thomas Nabors and his Music City Marathon Team, *Smiles in the Naborhood*, presented a check for \$7,000 to the Interfaith Dental Clinic just prior to the run on April 24th. Over 30 people ran in the Country Music Marathon & Half Marathon on behalf of the clinic and each person was responsible for raising a minimum of \$100. Dr. Nabors staff member and runner Victoria Richards shared these thoughts, "It was exciting and the training was intense. The team worked hard under the guidance of trainer, Nikki Hightower of Basement Fitness, to prepare for the race. The entire team started running every weekend in February through rain and snow. They climbed the hills at Edwin and Percy Warner parks in preparation." Runner and Dr. Nabors staff member, Kimber Reichard expressed, "It was a great feeling to cross the finish line and to know we all did this run for the patients of Interfaith."



Back row: Victoria Richards, Cherilyn Veach, Dr. Thomas Nabors, Tosha Schatz, Lynda Davenport, Kimber Reichard, Dana Laux, Amy Dyer, Dr. Rhonda Switzer and Nancy Collins. Front row: Elizabeth Godwin, Nikki Hightower, Whitney Byrd

Dr. Nabors office is already putting together the team for next year. The Music City Marathon and 1/2 Marathon will be **April 25th, 2009**. E-mail Kimber or Dana at kimber@thomasnabors.com or dana@thomasnabors.com or call them at Dr. Nabors office, 256-1600 to participate!

Everyone is welcome to be part of the team!



Save the Date, Soiree for Smiles, Spring Gala, March 28, 2009

Gift of a Smile Society Members 2007-2008

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Kristin Kaelin

Kristin Kaelin is a rising senior at Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry and psychology. She has applied to several dental schools and hopes to begin her study in fall 2009. Kristin became interested in health care at an early age. Both of her parents work in the health care field and Kristin's mom, a dental hygienist, volunteered at Interfaith three years ago. Kristin's mom wanted to volunteer at a clinic that was "technologically savvy." In addition to the cutting edge technology at Interfaith Dental Clinic, Kristin's mom also found a "warm staff and appreciative patients." Kristin took her mom's advice and began volunteering in September of 2007.

Kristin volunteers six to seven hours a week and enjoys helping out wherever needed. She helps by assisting front desk operations, preparing rooms for incoming patients, and aiding the administrative staff. In addition to the experience she gains in both the medical and management aspects of a dental clinic, Kristin finds it most rewarding to observe patients successively move through the oral health programs offered at Interfaith Dental Clinic. It reminds her that her passion for dentistry is not just about changing smiles but comes from the gratification received by helping those in need.

NEW STAFF

The Interfaith Dental Clinic would like to introduce you to our newest staff member, Leighanne Simmons. Leighanne began working with Interfaith in July 2008 as the Executive Assistant, Development Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator.

Leighanne is a Louisiana native with a degree in Mass Communications and Public Relations from Louisiana State University. She has significant experience in communications and event coordination. She currently volunteers with Hands On Nashville and has previously volunteered with the Best Buddies Program and Habitat for Humanity. We are very excited to have Leighanne as the newest member of our team!



Leighanne Simmons



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**For more information on volunteering, please
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