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## **Adam's Story**

Adam, like so many, was lead to Interfaith the hard way. He had an excruciating toothache and could barely talk when he called one evening in severe pain. The staff told him to come in immediately and Dr. Switzer removed the aching tooth. Recognizing Adam's great need for further care, she encouraged him to join our Comprehensive Care program.

Adam had a great deal of work that needed to be done and though he was very fearful, he was interested in saving his teeth as opposed to having them pulled. He recalls, "One of the things I liked the most about this program is that they are not interested in fixing just the one thing and sending you on your way. They care about you as a whole person and want to give you the best care possible, even if it takes more of their time and effort. It's not about a quick fix."

Specialist care was required to save several of Adams teeth and two of Interfaith's volunteer providers, Dr. Vincent Hicks and Dr. Heather Ridgway were more than willing to treat him for the specialty services in their office, on the Interfaith sliding fee scale, as part of our Volunteer Take-One program. "They were amazing," shares Adam, "The amount of dental work that I needed takes time and commitment and being surrounded by so many good people during my treatment made everything bearable. It has been so worth it! I truly believe that this program has changed my life. I know it has changed my social life completely. It's really hard to explain to people why you never smile. You're embarrassed and become distant. Joining this program has helped me reaffirm my faith. I have been given a fresh start! I am trying to get my mom to come now so that I can share this wonderful gift."

## **Do the Bright Thing Whiten your Smile in 2009!**



**This September, for a \$175 donation to the  
Interfaith Dental Clinic, area Dentists will  
volunteer to bleach your teeth**

**(includes custom mouth trays, bleach and carry case, a \$400 value!!!)**

**100 % of your donation will go to the  
Interfaith Dental Clinic, providing dental care to  
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**For a list of participating dentists in your area, to become  
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**Summer 2009**

# 2009 Spring Gala - Soiree for Smiles

This year's 2009 Spring Gala was a tremendous success, raising over \$75,000 for the clinic. The event, chaired by Kathy Reynolds, was held on March 28, 2009 at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Guests enjoyed cocktails, a gourmet dinner and dancing to the music of the Rhythm Kings.

Highlights of the evening included the sale of grab-bag style mystery boxes and a silent and live auction, co-chaired by Candice Haynes and Stephanie Skinner. The auction took place simultaneously as the national observance of Earth Hour, when all lights in Nashville were to be extinguished for one hour in recognition of global warming. The committee, welcoming the opportunity to participate, created a beautiful, glowing, candle lit ambiance for the conservatory and attendees were presented with petite LED flashlights for auction bidding.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Kathy Reynolds and her committee, Kim Anderson, Jennifer Blackwell, Cheryl Chunn, Janelle Cisneros, Kimberly Cooper, Dr. Cathleen Coyne, Donna Dant, Candice Haynes, Dr. Katherine Hall, , Nikki Hightower, Keri McInnis, Dr. Terryl Propper, Dr. Heather Ridgway, Stephanie Skinner and Beth West, our volunteer Auctioneers Adam Dread and Dale Smith-Thomas and our Patron's Party Hosts, Dale Smith Thomas- Winner's by Choice and Thomas Construction.

**Thank you to our generous patrons  
for making this event possible**

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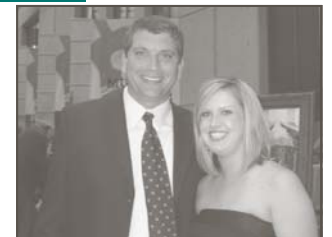


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# Rutherford County Story Behind the Smiles



Cheryl Chun-IFDC Board Chair, Tim Seneker,  
Peggy Seneker, Marci Richmond



Dr. Walter Chitwood, Dr. Russ Boyter, Dr. Rick Sain

On May 5, 2009, the Interfaith Dental Clinic hosted the second annual Rutherford County *“Story Behind the Smiles”* fundraising and awareness dinner, chaired by Dr. Roy Thompson and sponsored by Dempsey Vantrease & Follis, Doral, Roy Thompson, DDS and The Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary. The event provided the community with the opportunity to learn more about the services of the Interfaith Dental Clinic and the opportunity to commit volunteer time and financial resources toward the treatment of Rutherford County patients. The event raised over \$117,000 in new pledges! Thank you citizens of Rutherford County!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This Fiscal Year, Interfaith Dental Clinic has been fortunate to have the involvement of **over 300 volunteers** serving in numerous capacities **logging over 3,780 hours** thus far! We would like to spotlight our Board of Directors for their outstanding volunteer participation; getting involved as Table Captains for our November *Story Behind the Smiles* breakfast, Gala committee members, Do The Bright Thing Dentists, In-House Dentists, Take One Dentists, Specialists, event attendees and more! Their enthusiasm and dedication place them among the best in the community and we appreciate everything that they do for us.

In July, Cheryl Chunn will be passing on her position as Board Chair to Steve Brickner and she will become the Development Committee Chair. On becoming the new Board Chair, Steve says, “I am honored and humbled that the Executive Director and Board have placed their trust in me. Cheryl Chunn left the seat, like those before her, in a place better than she found it. I hope that I can do the same.” Terry Propper will assume the Vice Chair position and the role of Finance Chair will be handed over to Jay Nelson. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Monique Benjamin and Pam Chandler as their terms end in July. We would like to welcome two new board members! Dr. Roy Thompson, DDS from Murfreesboro, will be entering as our Rutherford County liaison on the Development Committee and Stacey Schlitz, a Nashville attorney, will serve on the Development Committee as well.

Looking forward to the new year, incoming Board Chair, Steve Brickner shares these thoughts, “Interfaith has been blessed through the years with two things that make for superlative results. Great day to day leadership and a Board that works to make certain the funds are there for that leadership. The upcoming year will require more of the same. It is easy during these times to focus solely on the challenges but that would do an injustice to both Rhonda’s skills as an executive director and the talents on the Board. I think the Board sees the upcoming year as another chance not just to weather issues that affect us all (the economy, poor dental health, the plight of the working poor) but a chance to advance what we know to be good practice and the right things to do for our community and for others in Middle Tennessee.”



**Special thanks to Dr. Tom Nabors, his staff, Nikki Hightower and all of the members and sponsors of team Smiles in the Naborhood for their efforts in the Country Music Marathon, raising over \$3,500 for Interfaith!**



Lacie Burgett is a successful graduate of the Interfaith Dental Clinic's Comprehensive Care program. She learned about the Interfaith Dental Clinic from an unfortunate trip to the Vanderbilt emergency room. A very painful abscessed tooth had caused her entire face to swell! Fortunately for Lacie, Dr. Jonathan Frederick, her treating physician, is also a volunteer oral surgery resident for the Interfaith Dental Clinic. He told her all about the clinic and highly recommended that she contact us as soon as possible for additional treatment.

When she came to the clinic, her mouth was full of decay. So much so, that she was ashamed to open her mouth to talk. She never smiled and had avoided one of the things she wanted most, a smiling picture with her children. Lacie has received numerous crowns, extractions & fillings and has been provided with two partials. But the clinic has not just helped her, Interfaith is also helping her three children. They are teaching them skills that will last a lifetime- how to properly take care of their oral health so that they never end up in a situation like Lacie's.

"The Clinic has truly been life changing for me and my family, Lacie shares; it has totally changed my personality- I don't have to hide anything anymore. I talk to people that I would have once avoided. I feel I am more of a person. I can laugh and play with my kids again. This place is truly a blessing! Thank God for them."

**Nitrous  
Course  
8/28**

Friday, August 28, 2009,  
IFDC Nitrous Oxide Monitoring  
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Metal Impression Trays/Full Arch  
Bite Registration Material  
Crown/Bridge Impression Material**



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