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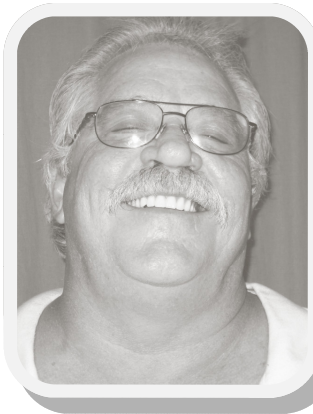
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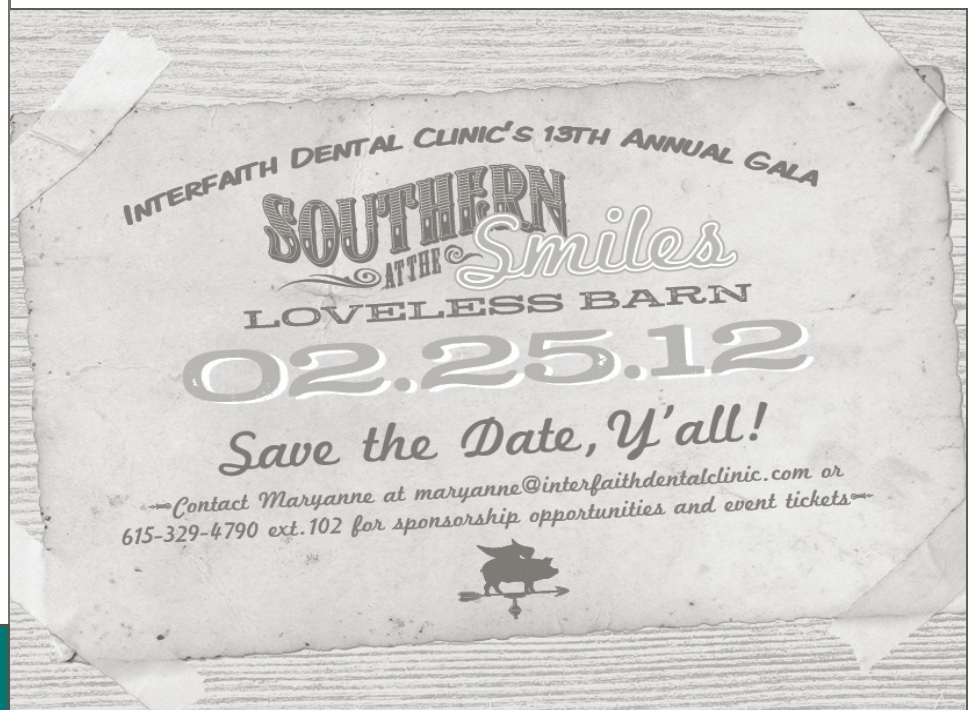
Recently, Jimmy Cook received a full set of dentures at Interfaith Dental Clinic. The difference, he said, is remarkable. “Oh, it’s just huge,” Jimmy shared. “Meeting people, talking, smiling...I’m not as self-conscious as I once was.”

Interfaith Dental Clinic partners with several area non-profit social service agencies to provide affordable treatment to people in pain and in need of emergency care. Jimmy was referred to our clinic by Samaritan Recovery

Services. He had 17 extractions performed in preparation for his dentures. The teeth that were not extracted, he previously removed himself. “My teeth were terrible,” Jimmy explained. “They were rotting in my mouth — I could taste it. I wanted them out, so I had to pull them myself.”

Proper oral hygiene was not a priority for Jimmy for several years while he battled poor health and drug abuse. While Jimmy has some painful memories of his past, he believes that his experiences are important to remember. “They are a reminder of where I’ve been, and what I don’t want to do anymore,” he said. Jimmy is getting used to his new smile after many years of hiding it. He has the support of his mother and his friends, and is no longer hiding his smile. “I feel like the bright lights are on me now!” he laughed. “I’m lucky to have these teeth, and I’m lucky to be here, period,” he explained.

Jimmy’s new smile, and the smiles of so many others, are possible only because of gifts from supporters like you. Your donations make it possible for us to change lives!





Dr. Cathleen Coyne
Chairman of the Board

Letter from the Board Chair

It is a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Board for Interfaith this year! My involvement with Interfaith started in 1997, when I began practicing oral surgery. I quickly became involved in Interfaith through volunteer opportunities, and over time this evolved into a position on the Board, committee chairmanships, and ultimately, chairing the Board. What an incredible organization with great leadership! What is truly touching about volunteerism is knowing how many lives you can touch by using your skills to help others, whether in dentistry, business, administration... you name it... we welcome your help!

It is our mission to treat the working poor, their children and the elderly of Middle Tennessee. Because there is such an overwhelming need for our services, Interfaith Dental Clinic of Rutherford County will open early next year. We continue to strive to help those who lives on limited incomes. *None* of this would be possible without your commitment to the Clinic.

Our gala in February 2011, *Pearly White Night*, raised \$207,000 for patient care — the most successful gala in Interfaith’s history. This year, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Underwood are chairing the gala, *Southern Smiles*. Please mark your calendars for February 25, 2012. You will not want to miss another memorable evening at Loveless Barn!

The Legacy Society has been launched! There have been many inquiries in regard to planned giving to the Clinic, and we now have a knowledgeable, experienced, volunteer committee of an attorney, an accountant and a financial advisor to answer any questions you may have related to planned giving. What a wonderful opportunity to leave a legacy to an organization to which you are already committed. Your gift is life-changing.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new people this year. Involvement at Interfaith will warm your heart, and bring a smile to so many people. Thank you for your time and talent as we continue to expand and to give those who need affordable dental treatment a reason to smile.

Cathleen Coyne, DDS

Interfaith Dental Clinic Founds Legacy Society

Interfaith Dental clinic has been able to enrich the lives of thousands of individuals for the last 15 years, thanks to the gracious generosity of our supporters. But will the Interfaith of today be able to touch the lives of future generations?

As the United States experiences such economic turmoil, we realize now, more than ever, the importance of legacy giving. Legacy gifts enable organizations to achieve long-term financial stability and sustainability. Contributions by will, trust, naming a charity on a beneficiary form, life-income arrangements, and endowment gifts all represent forms of legacy giving. A legacy gift to the clinic provides important tax savings for donors, their family and their heirs. But more importantly, it offers the reward of knowing that you’ve helped change lives for generations!



Beth Scott Clayton & Dollye Clayton,
Legacy Society Inaugural Members

To ensure our ability to continue to care for those in need for many years to come, on September 8th, we launched the Interfaith Dental Clinic Legacy Society with a reception held at E-Spaces in Green Hills. Our volunteer Legacy Committee — Stacey Schlitz, Geoffrey Stewart and Andy Valentine — delivered a presentation on the many ways to leave a legacy gift to Interfaith Dental Clinic.

By making a legacy gift to Interfaith Dental Clinic, you’re ensuring this outstanding program will continue for those who need it most, well into the future. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, or if you’ve made a legacy gift and would like to make that known, please contact Dr. Rhonda Switzer at (615) 329-4790.

Rutherford County Clinic Update

The long-awaited dream of an Interfaith Dental Clinic in Rutherford County will soon be a reality. The clinic closed on a building at 210 Robert Rose Avenue, and construction will begin in October. Dr. Katie Egan has been hired as the site's dentist/clinical director, and is thrilled to be returning to her home state of Tennessee to provide affordable, high quality dentistry to the working poor. Plans are for the first patient to be seen in January 2012!

During the "silent phase" of the Rutherford County Capital campaign, \$880,000 has been raised toward the \$1.28 million goal. Donors include; The Adams Family Foundation, A-dec, Baptist Healing Trust, BioHorizons, Christy Houston Foundation, Delta Dental of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee Electric, Nashville Dental, Inc., National Healthcare Corporation, the HCA Foundation, and Dr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson.

"I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm of the Rutherford dental community and other supporters," said Dr. Rhonda Switzer, executive director of IFDC. "We are especially grateful to the dental suppliers who have come forward with free and discounted equipment and supplies."

On November 10, the clinic will kick-off the individual giving phase of the campaign with a complimentary fundraising dinner, *The Story Behind the Smiles*. This evening will be a great opportunity to learn more about the vital services the clinic will provide to Rutherford County families.

Please Join us for the Rutherford County Story Behind the Smiles

A complimentary fundraising and celebration dinner for the Interfaith Dental Clinic of Rutherford County

November 10th, 2011 at 6:00 P.M
Stones River Country Club
1830 NW Broad Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

To make a reservation to attend, please contact Maryanne at (615) 329-4790.102 or Maryanne@interfaithdentalclinic.com

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A Smile Transformed



Nikki Bryant recently completed her treatment at Interfaith Dental Clinic. "They look so real, so natural!" she said with delight when she received her full dentures. She is pictured at right with Clinical Director, Dr. Laurie Carlisle.
Congratulations, Nikki!





Volunteer Spotlight: Dr. Hugh Herrington

Dr. Hugh Herrington has been a committed volunteer at the clinic since 2007. Since graduating from dental school at University of Tennessee, Dr. Herrington has practiced dentistry in his



Dr. Hugh and Mrs. Kathey Herrington

hometown of Pulaski, Tennessee, for almost 30 years. With a son to visit in Nashville, and having heard about Interfaith’s good works, Dr. Herrington said that “it was time to give back,” even if his commute to the clinic is 1 1/2 hours. As Dental Assistant Armela Jugovic notes, “He is thoughtful, and makes everything so easy on staff and patients!”

When asked why he continues to give his time, Dr. Herrington shares the story of a woman who, after two composite buildups, began to cry when handed a mirror to view his work. All she could say was, “my teeth have looked so bad for so long!” He also remembers

fondly a patient who was recovering from a life of addiction and abuse. “After nearly a year of treating her, she graduated.” Dr. Herrington shared. “She jumped up out of the chair and hugged me!”

Dr. Herrington, you exemplify the heart for service. We are grateful for you!



To volunteer your time with the Interfaith Dental Clinic, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kristin Dillard at (615) 329-4790 ext. 106 or kristin@interfaithdentalclinic.com



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