

INTERFAITH DENTAL CLINIC

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to bring people of all faiths together in a healing ministry, serving the working poor, their families, and the elderly through quality, comprehensive dental care

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A Total Transformation



Just two years ago, Cynthia, who was working at a local church, found herself in the dental office in great need of dental care. She was missing a front tooth, which caused her great embarrassment and many of her back teeth were missing, compromising her ability to chew most foods. She had postponed getting them fixed due to her financial

strain. When presented with a treatment plan of her extensive needs, it was clear to Cynthia that she could not afford to have the care done. Fortunately, her dentist's office, recognizing her need for financial assistance and her desire to do whatever was in her power to fix her teeth, referred her to us.

Shortly after beginning care at Interfaith, Cynthia was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer. "This really pulled me down," shares Cynthia. "I did not have a lot of teeth at the time either, so I could not even eat properly. My preferred diet is meats, fruits and vegetables, but I could only eat soft, starchy foods. This had a negative impact on my overall health. Facing so many physical hardships along with my extensive medical bills was very overwhelming. I was so glad that I was a part of the Interfaith program, where I could make monthly payments that I could afford and continue my oral care while undergoing my cancer treatment."

After a year-long course of treatment, Cynthia is now in complete remission. Additionally, she will be graduating from Interfaith very soon with complete restoration of her oral health. Cynthia states "I feel revolutionized! This year, I have regained my health and my confidence. I have grown my hair back and I have teeth! This is a wonderful place and I am so blessed to have found it. At Interfaith, they transformed my life, as well as my smile!"



Cynthia's mouth before her treatment at Interfaith

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Dr. Rhonda Switzer
Executive Director

Letter from the Executive Director

I am so excited that underserved Rutherford County residents will soon have local access to affordable, comprehensive dental care. The Interfaith Dental Clinic of Rutherford County will begin taking patient applications on February 6th and will open its doors on February 20th! The community has generously responded to our capital campaign, already contributing \$1.1 million toward the goal of \$1.28 million. I am grateful for our passionate Advisory Council members who are working to raise the remaining dollars from individuals in the community. We are coordinating a ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration with the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and look forward to announcing the details for this event.

Our Nashville site is seeing more patients than ever - requiring more financial support than ever. This year's gala, *Southern Smiles*, is scheduled for February 25th at the Loveless Barn. I hope you will attend this fun-filled evening which annually raises more than \$200,000 to support the clinic. See the front page for more details!

I am always amazed at the continuing generosity of our donors and volunteers. You are an important part of bringing our vital services to families who would otherwise go without comprehensive dental care. Each person who walks through our doors needs compassion, understanding and love. I am so thankful for your support that gives us the daily opportunities to minister to these precious individuals and their families.

Rhonda

Rutherford County *Story Behind the Smiles* Capital Campaign Dinner

The Rutherford County *Story Behind the Smiles* Capital Campaign Dinner, chaired by IFDC Board Member Dr. Roy Thomson, surpassed expectations, with an attendance of more than 400 guests. Thank you to our table captains for filling the room to capacity! The November 10th dinner, sponsored by BioHorizons, Delta Dental and Murfreesboro Magazine raised more than \$150,000 for the new clinic located at 210 Robert Rose Drive in Murfreesboro. Dr. Thompson shared these thoughts about the event, "November 10th was a milestone event for the dentists of Rutherford County and the community at large. Interfaith Dental will make a difference in numerous peoples lives for years to come."

The *Story Behind the Smiles* event put us just in reach of our capital campaign goal of 1.28 million. To help us reach our goal, contribute to the Rutherford County Capital Campaign by contacting Amy Dyer, Development Director at (615) 329-4790 or amy@interfaithdentalclinic.com.



Dr. Rick Kinard & Joe Pitts



Dr. Katie Egan, Rutherford Clinic
Director & Dr. Roy Thompson,
IFDC Board Member



Connie & Jim Pearson

New Team Members



Dr. Katie Egan, Clinic Director,
IFDC of Rutherford County

Dr. Egan joined our staff in October 2011. She graduated from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis in 2009 and went on to complete a General Practice Residency at the Denver Health Hospital in Denver, CO. During her residency she completed rotations in all aspects of dentistry including pediatrics, endodontics, oral surgery, restorative, fixed, removable, periodontics, emergency medicine and general anesthesia. After her residency, she worked as a general dentist in the Arctic Circle with Indian Health Services in Barrow, AK. She is currently a member of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.



Kristin Dillard, IFDC
Volunteer Coordinator

Kristin joined our leadership team in July 2011. Her background includes 8 years of experience in volunteer and non-profit support in Nashville and Atlanta, for such agencies as the Girl Scout Councils of Northwest Georgia and of Cumberland Valley, Hands On Nashville, and the Brown Dog Foundation. Kristin is a passionate volunteer for several area non-profit organizations, and an active member of Belmont United Methodist Church. To volunteer your time with Interfaith Dental Clinic, please contact Kristin at krisin@interfaithdentalclinic.com or (615) 942-1240.



Lauren Wright, IFDC
Director of Individual Gifts

Lauren joined our development team in January, 2012. She comes to Interfaith from Sewanee: The University of the South, where she served as a major gifts officer and prospect researcher in the University's most recent \$207.5M capital campaign. More recently, Lauren served as a project director for The Babson Center for Global Commerce, the University's pre-business minor program. Lauren is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. Originally from Phoenix, Arizona, she is a graduate of Trinity University (San Antonio, TX), and has spent 11 years in Tennessee.



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Board Spotlight: Cheryl Chunn



Cheryl Chunn has been a committed supporter of Interfaith in many important ways. She became engaged with the clinic through her husband, Dr. Clifton Chunn, whose group practice, Endodontic Associates, generously supports our clinic. Though Dr. Chunn and she were already very gracious donors, Cheryl felt compelled to do more. She sought a board position and, since 2006, has been an active and essential member of Interfaith's leadership. Her professional skills, honed as Associate Dean of Development and Alumni Relations with Vanderbilt University, have been invaluable on our Development Committee, and her assistance with the interviewing process for our new Director of Individual Gifts was beyond measure.

Five times a table captain at our annual fundraising dinner, Story Behind the Smiles, and a multi-year Gala committee member (serving as chairperson in 2008), Cheryl has greatly enhanced every project that she has touched here. Cheryl shares with pride our patients' stories, and asserts, "It makes me proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization." Cheryl, we are so blessed with your gift of service, and the staff and patients appreciate you!

Clinic Volunteer Spotlight: Jean Kash, RDH

Jean Kash discovered Interfaith after a 20 year hiatus from dental hygiene. And we couldn't be happier! As staff Dental Hygienist Donnella Miller expressed, "Jean is wonderful with our patients, and shows concern and compassion. She really believes in our mission." So, she was a perfect fit! She has been a blessing to the staff, volunteers, and patients at Interfaith. In the last 6 months alone, Jean has completed 130 hours of volunteer service, a gift that has enabled us to treat a much greater number of deserving patients. The staff is so thankful that Jean exhibits such responsibility for, and gratefulness to, our clinic. She describes a patient who "stated she now had hopes of a pain free mouth and a nice smile. That is priceless," Jean says, "and I feel very privileged to have been a part of her success." Jean, we feel privileged that you give your time and talents to Interfaith!



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