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## message from the chairman of the board



**Paul Heinrichs, D.D.S.**  
*Chairman of the Board of Directors*

2006 has truly come in like a lion - with both the successful launch of our state-of-the-art Smile Express Mobile Dental Center, and not one, but two exciting Give Kids A Smile Days!



This year we celebrated Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) Day on both February 3rd and March 25th at the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio. Thirty area Dentists provided free treatment for 300 children, who otherwise would not have had access to dental care. These dentists donated their time and expertise to helping these children, while also bringing attention to the "access to care" problem.

In addition, the Dental Center hosts a number of dentists who donate time to care for the homeless through their Dental Assistance Program. We thank these dentists from the Toledo Dental Society for selflessly donating their time and skill to help the disenfranchised. The Dental Center of Northwest Ohio and the dentists receive no remuneration for this care; we must pay for all the supplies, utilities, facility and staff. This is a considerable expense estimated to be approximately \$13,000 for GKAS Day.

We need your help by supporting our fundraising activities, and through annual contributions, which allows the Dental Center of NWO to continue these programs. I also urge you to continue communicating to your legislators about the importance of medicaid dental benefits to help support our efforts.

On March 31st the Smile Express Mobile Dental Center was unveiled to Northwest Ohio! I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the St. Marguerite d'Youville Foundation and the Junior League of Toledo in helping our vision come to life.

*Thank you, Paul*

## welcome new board members!

Scott Atkins, D. D. S.  
Findlay, Ohio

Michael Judy, D.D.S  
Toledo, Ohio

Gregory Hart, D.D.S.  
Leipsic, Ohio

Alan Wagner  
Toledo, Ohio



## mission statement

*Since 1910, the mission of the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio has been to provide primary oral health services for underserved children, adults, and seniors in Northwest Ohio, to promote the value of good oral health through education and to serve as an advocate for those with limited access to dental care.*



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## new standards for dental care in nw ohio's underserved communities



The Dental Center has treated and educated patients who are at or 200% below the poverty level in NWO since 1910 in various fixed and mobile clinic settings. Transportation is identified as the #1 issue influencing low income patients from seeking much needed dental care. Work schedules, childcare, distance, travel time, frail health, and bus schedules make it difficult for many low-income adults, children, frail elderly, migrant workers and their families to get to the dentist.

**The Smile Express Mobile Dental Center brings the dentist directly to the patient - ensuring those who need care - receive care.** The Smile Express is partially funded through a 3-year grant from the St. Marguerite d'Youville Foundation and a gift from the Junior League of Toledo.

The services provided will include, but will not be limited to:

- cleanings
- fillings
- making of full and complete: crowns, dentures, sport and bite guards
- oral health education/instruction through printed material & videos
- diagnostic x-rays
- pulpomotomies
- fluoride treatments
- root canals
- sealants
- extractions

The Smile Express also provides oral health education to raise the average patient's "dental I.Q." All appointments offer an educational lesson explaining the importance of regular home or professional oral health care. Each receives a toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, and floss with instructional materials specific to exam findings by an oral health educator. (During wait times, educational videos are shown on the onboard video system.)



**1st full-time, full service mobile dental center in Northwest Ohio** is currently making regular visits at schools, clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, community centers, and various other locations in 18 counties.



Toledo Smiles, a community initiative of the Junior League of Toledo, is a dental care program tailored to reach junior high students, an underserved age group. East Toledo Junior High

was selected for the 05-06 school year. These 750+ 7th/8th graders were taught the benefits of proper oral hygiene, with the emphasis on the basics of how to keep teeth healthy, sparkling, and worthy of the honor roll!

In November, the Junior League and the Dental Center hosted the first dental health fair consisting of a series of fun, hands-on activities. Students interacted with instructors, became involved in the learning process, and were given supplies to apply at home what was learned.

**"Many of these teens will lose permanent teeth before they are 17. The purpose of Toledo Smiles is to keep it from happening,"** says Karen Driggs, chairperson of Toledo Smiles for Junior League of Toledo.

## DRC - our new dental resource for children

The Dental Resource Center (DRC) is an innovative project created to improve the oral health of families with children from birth to age five. The DRC utilizes proven case management techniques, parent education, and community outreach to minimize barriers to dental care among families living at, or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

The DRC is funded through a joint three year commitment by the Toledo Community Foundation and the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio. In addition a supplemental grant has been awarded by the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio, Inc. It is the plan of the Dental Center to incorporate the DRC upon completion of the three year grant into their agency's budget.

The DRC is based on the Dental Center's 95 years of experience, and the recommended practices of the American Association of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the American Dental Association.

Children should receive a dental exam within six months of the eruption of the first tooth, and no later than their first birthday. Establishing a child's "dental home" is an important step in creating ongoing healthy habits. These types of standards led the Dental Resource Center to set their goals to serve 1000 children per year.

In order to meet this goal the DRC has partnered with Help Me Grow, Perinatal Outreach Program, Head Start, Toledo Public Schools, YMCA/JCC, and the Prescribed Pediatric Center. These agencies will provide guidance and education to parents, while also referring families to the DRC who need assistance in scheduling and maintaining dental appointments. Currently, appointments are scheduled at either the Toledo Lucas County Health Department Children's Clinic or the Dental Center of North West Ohio.

The Dental Resource Center is led by Jayne Klett, Project Director and Chris Nowak, Case Manager, with Lindy Cree, President of the Dental Center of NWO supervising the project. Together they bring 50 years of dental health experience to the DRC.

For more information please call the Dental Resource Center at 419-241-8180 or visit us on the web at [www.dentalresourcecenter.org](http://www.dentalresourcecenter.org).





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With your support, we can continue to serve even more patients, in even more places throughout Northwest Ohio - so help us "Spread the Smile" by helping us to raise much needed funds for tomorrow's underserved!

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## a toast to health

a signature event to benefit the  
Dental Center of Northwest Ohio

You are invited to enjoy the unique opportunity to spend an evening with World-Famous Celebrity-Chef

## DAVID ROSENGARTEN!

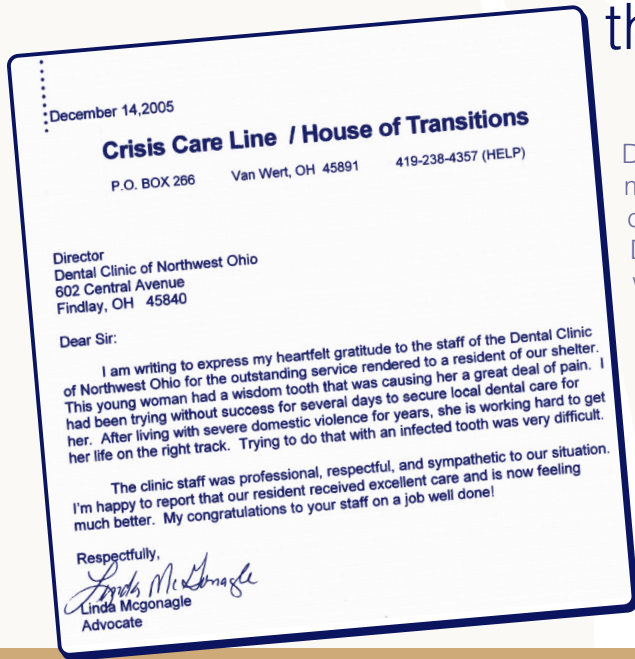
David will lead the dinner offering his insights into the world of wine and food!



Friday, September 8th, 2006  
Brandywine Country Club

VIP Party • Dinner & Culinary Demo • Book Signing

Tickets are limited to 286 - Call Today for your Invitation!



## thanks to the volunteers of DAP *a dental treatment program for the homeless*

DAP (Dental Assistance Project), formerly located at Mildred Bayer, has moved to the Dental Center. DAP provides quality oral health care at no cost for the homeless and transient, who have no income or insurance. Dental treatment is provided by a completely volunteer staff of dentists which includes: cleanings, fillings, extractions, and more.

The Dental Center is looking for additional volunteers. If you would be interested please contact Jacquelyn Price at 419.241.1644, Ext. 128 today.



## our findlay office has moved to a multi-tenant nonprofit center

Across the country, centers like The Family Center in Findlay are focusing on nonprofit organizations needs. The Community Foundation which developed The Family Center notes, "nonprofit organizations are critical to the health of a dynamic, democratic civic society, including our very own community. However, nonprofit organizations find it difficult to secure and maintain stable, affordable, and mission-enhancing work environments that raise the visibility of individual tenant organizations as well as the entire nonprofit sector." **The Dental Center of NW Ohio agrees, and is the sole reason behind moving our Findlay office to The Family Center located at 1800 North Blanchard Street.**

The Family Center's hope is to realize a future where organizations provide high-quality, cost effective community service without the fear, the programmatic disruption and the financial burden of being displaced. Experience shows these centers can be dynamic community hubs and provide a financial opportunity to combine philanthropic capital funding with traditional capital campaigns.

**The Dental Center's Blanchard Valley Clinic hopes to enjoy the same vision!**

### The Family Center Tenants Include:

- Alzheimer's Association NWO Chapter
- Associated Charities
- Blanchard Valley Industries (Taste of the Towne)
- Cancer Patient Services
- Caughman Clinic
- CHOPIN Hall
- Dental Center of Northwest Ohio
- Findlay-Hancock County Bar Association
- Findlay Police Department Sub-Station
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hancock Christian Clearing House
- Hancock County Center for Safe & Healthy Children
- Hancock Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Hope House for the Homeless
- Legal Aid of Western Ohio
- Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., NWO Chapter
- WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
- Century Health





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## first quarter 2006 service statistics

Unduplicated Patients 17 and Under

3,489

Unduplicated Patients 18 and Over

4,553

Appointments

12,986

Preventive and Diagnostic Services

23,310

Restorative Services

6,862

Endodontic Services

910

Prosthodontic Services

693

Extractions

2776

## 2005 Dental Center of NWO Dedicated & Recognized Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the individuals and organizations who have supported the Dental Center's Mission.

*Be sure to watch for our annual campaign letter in November!*

- Dr. Jonathan Frankel**
- Dr. & Mrs. Carl Wheeler**
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- Dr. Matthew Lark**

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