

Dental Home Heroes Saving the Day!

AAPD Foundation Grant Recipient Caridad Center in Boynton Beach, FL shares patient stories.

"A mother brought her two-year-old daughter because the little girl's gums were bleeding when her mother brushed her teeth. The little girl had fallen and her mother was concerned that trauma from the fall may be causing an issue with the girl's teeth. Our staff and volunteer providers performed an X-ray and determined that there was no significant damage and that the girl's teeth and jaw should be fine. Meanwhile, the dentists did find generalized gingivitis due to plaque accumulation and provided prophylactic care with a fluoride treatment. Our dental staff also provided the young mother with some tips on proper dental care for her daughter moving forward.

A couple of months ago, an 11-year-old girl came to our Dental Clinic for a routine preventive examination. During the exam, X-rays were taken and the dentist identified a very complicated situation with an impacted canine tooth in the girl's mouth (that is destroying the roots of the anterior teeth) which would ultimately lead to the loss of these permanent teeth. Immediately, the young girl was referred to our oral surgeon who saw and evaluated her here at Caridad Center and recommended a more specialized diagnostic X-ray, not available in our clinic. The dentist transferred this case to his private office where they performed the X-ray free of charge because she is a Caridad Center patient. Additionally, the dentist was able to get her a free consultation with a colleague (and Orthodontist) who will provide the patient with the orthodontic treatment needed to save her permanent teeth. The family is very happy with the care we were able to provide. What was thought to be a routine dental check-up ultimately saved this little girl's teeth and will give her a healthy and beautiful smile."

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Our grant recipients are often the frontline safety net providers serving the children most at-risk and that's why they have earned Dental Home Hero status!

From the President

Two-thirds of 2021 grant applicants told us they were experiencing increased demand for pediatric dental services. That's why the AAPD Foundation will make \$2 million in new grants and commitments in 2022 – our largest fiscal year commitment in the Foundation's history.

When you're preparing your AAPD membership dues for 2022, please consider supporting the AAPD Foundation as we continue our mission to support Dental Homes for underserved kids. Every contribution made with AAPD membership dues will go to our Access to Care Fund meaning that every donation given will go to help a child!

Be part of a mission and community helping children smile brighter, laugh harder and live better by making a gift today! Be a Dental Home Hero!

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