

ORAL HEALTH NEVADA NEWSLETTER



Vision: Empowering All Nevadans to have the best oral health possible.

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Oral Health Nevada Inc. is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charitable organization whose mission is to improve the oral health of all Nevadans - especially those who are the most vulnerable, by expanding access to affordable preventive and restorative services, promoting oral health education, and expanding communication and support through diverse partnerships. www.oralhealthnevada.com

RAM Event Draws 400 for Health Services

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While not everyone got the health care services they wanted, many of those among the 400 attending the Remote Area Medial walk-in free health care clinic last weekend were very appreciative and they showed it.

This included one local lady who was so happy with the dental help she received that she brought 150 homemade tamales to the worker for lunch on Saturday after receiving services on Friday and then brought some burritos on Sunday and someone brought Spanish rice and other food.

To continue reading the article go to <http://www.rgj.com/story/news/local/mason-valley/2015/10/14/ram-event-draws-health-services/73897744/?from=global&sessionKey=&auto login=>

ORAL HEALTH NEVADA ELECTS OFFICERS

The Oral Health Nevada annual meeting was held on Sunday, November 22, 2015, and included an overview of the organizations activities and initiatives implemented in 2015. Treasurer, Syd McKenzie, provided a written report covering the first quarter of the fiscal year. In addition, a discussion ensued on collaborations with statewide organizations to promote oral health and promoting a diverse membership within the organization as the statewide oral health coalition.

Also during the meeting, the 2016 officers were elected and are: Christine Garvey, Chair; Pamela Straley, Vice Chair; Syd McKenzie, Treasurer; and Adriana Perry, Secretary.

Before the meeting officially ended, the membership agreed to host an oral health summit planned for the later part of 2016, for the purpose of bringing together health and dental professionals, public health experts, educators, decision makers, organizations and businesses, and residents to facilitate collaborations, address oral health access to care issues and identify strategies to improve the oral health of *ALL* Nevadans.

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INCLINE DENTAL PROGRAM FOCUSES ON PREVENTION

The focus of the Incline Dental Program, initiated in 2007, is preventive oral health services and increasing access to dental care. Emphasis is placed on oral health education and the importance of fluoride. Local dentists have been recruited to provide low cost treatment to children referred from Incline Dental Program events.

All Incline Dental Program services are provided by dental and health professionals and community volunteers under the supervision of pediatric dentist, Matthew Gustafsson, located in neighboring Truckee, California. Donations of supplies have come from various sources, such as Oral Health Nevada, Tahoe Family Solutions, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Village Pharmacy in Incline Village.

In addition to the twice-yearly Incline Dental Screening events, a Fluoride Varnish Pilot Project was initiated this year at Incline Elementary School (IES) through an agreement between the Washoe County School District and the Tahoe Forest Health System, which operates Incline Village Community Hospital. The first event, earlier this year in April, provided oral health education to 92 kindergarten (K) and pre-kindergarten (pre-K) students of which 35 received fluoride varnish. The Program hopes to continue providing these services every 6 months, expanding to include students through 5th grade.

Fall 2015 Incline Dental Program events:

* Oral health education presentations by Tessie Vukovich, RDH, of Incline Dental Care, attended by 65 K and 27 pre-K students at IES. Five teachers also attended. (article continued on the next page)

ABOUT THE INCLINE DENTAL PROGRAM

The Incline Dental Program was initiated in 2007 by three former personnel of Children's Cabinet of Incline Village (CCIV), in response to the closure of a previous program that offered free dental screenings for Incline children for more than a decade. Pam Straley, former Manager of the CCIV Clinic and Oral Health Nevada Board Member, currently organizes the Incline Dental Program.



INCLINE DENTAL PROGRAM

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* Fluoride Varnishing at IES. Close to 50% of the students enrolled in pre-K and K had parental permission to participate. Tessie Vukovich, RDH, and Vanessa Tinoco, CDA, both of Incline Dental Care, applied the fluoride varnish and of those seen, 25% required referral to a dentist.

* The Incline Dental Screening event was held at Incline Village Community Hospital in the Multi-Specialty Clinic, where Dr Gustafsson screened 16 children, 7 months to 10 years of age, and 2 required referral to a dentist for treatment. Each child received fluoride varnish and oral health education.

On November 7th, Pam Straley also attended a Kings Beach (California) Dental Screening event, which she helped organize to mirror the Incline Village event.

The Incline Dental Program hopes to continue providing the screening, referral and fluoride varnish program every 6 months, expanding to include students through 5th grade.

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

Goodshop and Amazon Smile are offering fantastic incentives and coupons to help you save money this holiday season –and at the same time, they are increasing the donations given back to non-profit organizations like Oral Health Nevada. Here's what you do –

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4. Refer a friend – Between now and December 15th each time you refer a friend to Goodshop and they spend \$25, Oral Health Nevada will receive a \$10 donation. If your friend chooses Oral Health Nevada too, we'll receive another \$10 for a total of \$20.

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We believe that collaborating with diverse partners and establishing a broad-based constituency is essential to identify health needs and programming gaps of those residents most vulnerable to oral diseases.

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