

Local schools receive \$2K grant

The Siuslaw Education Foundation (SEF) recently awarded \$2,000 to Florence and Mapleton schools for priority items selected by staff.

At the Mapleton schools staff meeting Aug. 29, Superintendent Jodi O'Mara accepted funds to purchase 50 headsets for students to use with computers in classrooms and computer labs.

At the all-schools staff meeting in Florence on Sept. 1, Siuslaw district principals received funds for library bookshelves for the elementary school, a large drop-down projection screen for the stage in the middle school, and the creation of a "Maker Space" in the high school library.

The mission of the SEF foundation, established in October 2015, is "to raise funds to enhance academic achievement and expand learning opportunities for every student in Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts."

The SEF board of directors works closely with school administrators to align donations with district goals and has begun fulfilling its purpose of supporting schools and students.

For more information, contact SEF board president, Suzanne Mann-Heintz, at 541-590-0779. SEF welcomes tax-deductible donations, which can be sent to the Siuslaw Education Foundation, P.O. Box 2946, Florence, OR 97439.



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From the Heart Dentistry Day Was A Success!

Thank you to each of these volunteers, groups, and businesses for helping use serve more than 40 patients with more than \$10,000 in services!

Volunteers

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Sara Smith, DA
Jennifer O'Dell, EFDA
Corrine Wilborn, DA
Keri Kowtko, EFDA
Deidra Elliott, RDH
Amy Anderson, RDH
Brandon Johnson, DA
Frank Lewis
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Support Services

Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church
Florence Christian Church
Subway
Boys and Girls Club
Coastal Disposal
Little Brown Hen
Sam and Karen of Tree House Signs
City of Florence
Rosa's Mexican Restaurant
Anonymous Financial Contributors

Equipment and Materials

An unbelievable amount of dental supplies were donated by Pure Life Dental Supply this year in addition to generous gifts from Patterson Dental and Smart Practice.

A Note from The Korando Dental Group—

Our work is paying off in that more patients than usual were requesting dental cleanings instead of extractions or fillings, demonstrating that these patients know the importance of maintaining their oral health with regular cleanings. One woman on a very, very limited budget said "thank you" to everyone who supported the event because she knows at least once a year she can come to us for a free cleaning.

This is truly about people helping people, and having compassion enough to share what they can. What a blessing! Thank you to all of you who helped to make this day of free dentistry possible.

The very best part was being able to give the gift of dentistry without doing the business of dentistry. What a joy it is to see these people, year-after-year, waiting in line outdoors at 5:00 a.m. We are inspired to see their dedication in taking care of themselves. We are so very thankful to be able to partner with the above mentioned supporters in giving back to our community and helping those in need to be free of dental pain, disease, and suffering.

What Is From The Heart Dentistry Day?

From The Heart Dentistry is the annual event established by The Korando Dental Group to serve underserved and marginalized men and women in Florence with free dental care. Patients can choose from a thorough cleaning, an extraction, or a filling at no cost.

Why we do it...

From The Heart Dentistry volunteers believe each patient is deserving of respect and dignity, and needs just a little help that will have big results for their lives. That's why, for more than 30 years, From The Heart Dentistry has worked to improve lives through free dental care for those who need it most, but who just can't afford it.

Who it's for...

Anyone 18 years old and older who cannot afford to pay for dental care is welcome each year.

How you can help...

We're already planning for next year's event...and you can be part of it! From The Heart Dentistry is a non-profit subsidiary of The Korando Dental Group. Financial contributions are tax-deductible. Even though all of the work done during From The Heart Dentistry is donated by dentists, denturists, dental hygienists, pharmacists, dental assistants, doctors, and nurses; your financial support this year helps pay for the additional cleaning supplies, anesthesia, and post-appointment educational resources for this year's patients...and lays the groundwork for next year's event so even more patients can receive this services. You can contribute securely online by credit card at korandodentalgroup.com; make a contribution in person in the office at 22nd and Pine St., in Florence; or by mail to: From The Heart Dentistry, PO Box 159, Florence, OR, 97439.

THANK YOU!



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