The Dentists’ Partnership

A *pay-it-forward* dental access initiative.

Calhoun County, Michigan
111 Visits per month
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1,332
111

1,332 Visits per Year

$1,998,000
111

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Annual Cost in 2006
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INITIATIVE

- Urgent Care (fillings & extractions)
- Oral Health Education
- Hygiene Supplies
- Orthodontia
- Dentures & Partial

DENTISTS

- Services
  - Materials
  - Time

Volunteerism

- Dentists
  - 1 Periodontist
  - 1 Endodontist
  - 3 Oral Surgeons
  - 38 General Dentists
PATIENTS

Responsibilities
• Complete Oral Health Education
• Follow through with routine care
• Volunteer at local nonprofits

NONPROFITS

Leveraging Resources
• Support existing programs
• Expanding services
• Expanding locations
• Increasing number served

$100 = 4 hours
The group’s role

- Identify gaps in dental resources
- Propose community-based solutions
- Incubate new initiatives
- Seek community feedback
- Review outcomes/effectiveness of initiatives
- Make recommendations for change
- Remove barriers to care
- Provide resources (human, financial, intellectual, etc.)

Partners

- Volunteer Center
- FQHC
- Free Clinics
- Office of Senior Services
- 2-1-1 Call Center
- Regional Health Alliance
- Battle Creek Community Foundation
- KCC Dental Hygiene School
- Battle Creek Public Schools
- Local Dentists
FUNDERS

Contributions
- Support for Dentists Commitment Bonuses
- Support for the Annual Resource Fund
- Support for Operations

Patrons
- Battle Creek Community Foundation
- BCBSM Foundation
- Bronson Battle Creek
- Michigan Dental Association
- United Way
ANCHOR ORGANIZATION

Coordinating Support
- Determine Eligibility
- Conduct Orientation
- Oral Health Education
- Cleanings, Screenings, X-Rays
- Distribute Oral Hygiene Supplies
- Track Patient Volunteerism
- Coordinate Dentists’ Schedules
- Provide/Secure Necessary Rx
- Address Patient Behavioral Issues
- Maintain Patient Charts
- Courier Service for Charts
- Place Recall Appointment Reminders
- Volunteer Recruitment & Retention
- Grant Dental Resource Funds
- Conduct Fundraising
- Evaluation & Reporting
Bronson Battle Creek
Emergency Department
Uninsured Dental Visits

Hospital Impact

Reduction = 72%
Community Impact
Community Impact
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$33,643

$49,163

$40,989

$7,493,195
Regional Impact
Regional Impact

Muskegon

CALHOUN COUNTY
Regional Impact

Ann Arbor
Traverse City
Muskegon

CALHOUN COUNTY
Regional Impact
Regional Impact

2007 - Calhoun County
2009 - Traverse City
2010 - Ann Arbor
2011 - South Bend
2011 - Coldwater
2011 - Muskegon
Regional Impact

Hastings
Coldwater
South Bend
Ann Arbor
Traverse City
Muskegon

Calhoun County
Regional Impact

Jackson
HASTINGS
Coldwater
SOUTH BEND
Ann Arbor
Traverse City
Muskegon

CALHOUN COUNTY
Regional Impact

CALHOUN COUNTY

Lansing
Jackson
HASTINGS
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Muskegon