

*We all smile in the same language.*



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**2015**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

*“We shall never know all the good  
that a simple smile can do.”  
- Mother Teresa*



# Saving Smiles & Changing Kids' Lives



Let me share a few of the stories from our work this year, as they reflect our accomplishments best.

Hillsboro, July – Here we met a 10-year-old girl who lived with her grandmother and had no dental insurance. She had a permanent molar with a large cavity that went directly into the pulp, meaning that she would need a root canal to save the tooth or we would have to extract it. After discussing options with the girl's grandmother, she agreed to follow through with the root canal treatment. The Tooth Taxi team was able to complete all of her other dental work and provide her with over \$1,500 in services. In addition, the team gave her a referral to The Children's Program to have the root canal done at no charge to her family, and save her tooth.

Salem, August – We were introduced to a family that had three children who all needed a significant amount of dental work done. Dr. Karli and the team were able to complete treatment on all three of the children and ended up providing \$4,894 in dental services at no charge to them. A huge burden had been lifted off their shoulders, and Mom was grateful that her kids would be starting off the school year cavity free.

Troutdale, October – It's difficult to believe that a teenager has never been to the dentist. During our trip to Reynolds High School in Troutdale, we found just that: several kids who had never had dental care. Due to the area's diverse population, we encountered language barriers all week. For a few students, this meant that their first dental visit ever would need to include a tooth extraction, but they couldn't understand what we were telling them or ask any questions. This was challenging for the team, but they did a great job of working with the school, coordinating translators for the multiple languages spoken by our patients.

For these kids and thousands of others, the Tooth Taxi and the Dental Foundation of Oregon make a huge difference in their lives. Their health, well-being, their ability to do schoolwork and be socially accepted, are major factors in their lives and futures. Your contributions to the Foundation help insure that children throughout Oregon can smile free of pain or embarrassment. It is hard to put a price on that.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Weston Heringer, Jr.", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Weston Heringer, Jr. DMD  
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# Tooth Taxi Reaches Milestone, Goes Over the 5 Million Mark!



*Since the Tooth Taxi launched in the fall of 2008 through the end of 2015:*

- 🦷 \$5,208,053 of free dental services provided
- 🦷 16,580 children screened
- 🦷 18,031 students received oral hygiene education in their classroom
- 🦷 6,691 cleanings provided
- 🦷 21,880 sealants provided
- 🦷 11,602 fillings provided
- 🦷 2,494 extractions provided

### ***Thanks to our partners:***

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## From the Road with Carrie Peterson, Tooth Taxi Program Manager:

We first visited South Umpqua High School in March, 2015, and as I was helping with the screening process, it quickly became apparent that a week was not going to be enough time to help this group of kids with their dental needs. 90% of the kids we screened needed treatment, 26% of those had pain or an active infection. As teenagers, not only were many of them in danger of losing permanent molars, but several had severely decayed front teeth causing poor self-esteem and discomfort when they were eating.

As the week went on, the stories from students and staff painted a picture that showed a large number of kids who were underserved on every level. Too many of these children were dealing with housing and food insecurities, lack of basic household supplies, such as dish soap and toothbrushes,

and were functioning in a parental role to younger siblings. Giving these kids healthier mouths and easing their struggle of trying to figure out how they were going to take care of their dental needs was a priority. Despite the hardships that a large number of these kids face, they had great attitudes and were very thankful for the opportunity the Tooth Taxi gave them, allowing them to take control of their own oral health.

In the end, it took two return trips to finish what we started, totaling \$51,835 in free dental care.

This visit was not an isolated incident. Communities like this exist all over Oregon and we come across them often. These areas are exactly where the Tooth Taxi should be, helping to improve the oral health of Oregon's Children.

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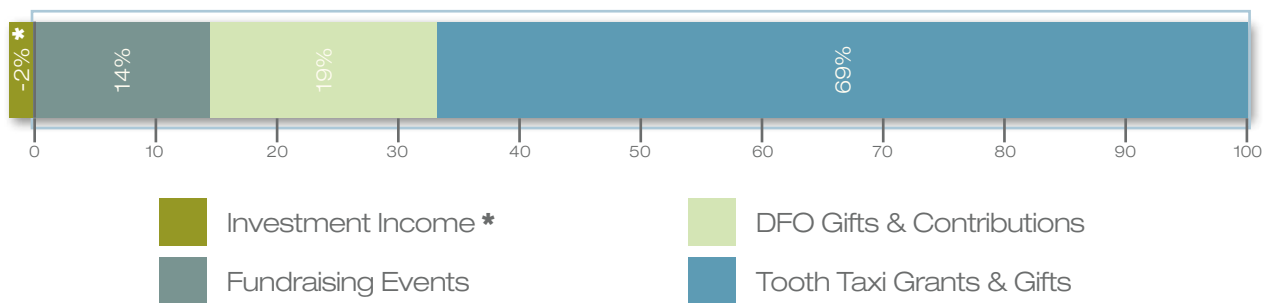
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		2015
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	Total Liabilities	528,497
	Total Equity	2,844,282
	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>3,372,779</b>
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	<b>REVENUE</b>	
	Program Support	992,979
	Investment Income	(18,238)
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>974,741</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
	Programs and Services	686,838
	Fundraising	122,085
	General and Administrative	102,649
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>911,572</b>
	<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 63,169</b>

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2013	2014	2015
\$2,672,027	\$2,692,417	\$2,686,511

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