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Tooth Taxi Reaches Year-One Milestone!

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Grantee Spotlight: Virginia Garcia OB Baby Dental Project Helping make healthier babies and mothers

Every day across America babies are born prematurely or with low birth weight because the child's mother was fighting a periodontal infection during her pregnancy. Motivated by the poor oral health they were seeing in pregnant women, the Virginia Garcia Dental Clinic in Cornelius, Ore., developed the OB Baby Dental Project in 2005 to provide periodontal screening, treatment and education to at-risk, uninsured pregnant women and their families. The results have been very encouraging.

Now, every pregnant woman who comes into the Virginia Garcia

Dental Clinic is referred to the OB Baby Dental Project for periodontal screening and oral health education. Most of the patients have some level of periodontal inflammation and are referred to a group oral health class and given dental treatment. Women without periodontal problems are still referred to classes that cover topics such as how to care for your own teeth and gums, prevention of baby bottle syndrome, how to care for your children's teeth and gums, and nutrition. Classes, which last about an hour, include language

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Dear friends,

Fabiola was a pregnant mother who had never been to the dentist when she walked into the Virginia Garcia Dental Clinic during her second trimester. She had chronic periodontal disease, bleeding gums and pain in her wisdom teeth — and no idea that periodontal infection during pregnancy can lead to premature and low-birth-weight babies. Fabiola's story and the great work of the Virginia Garcia Dental Clinic, one of our 2009 Community Grantees, is featured in this report on page 1. Since its inception, the Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO) has awarded more than \$1 million to nonprofit dental clinics and helped over 250,000 Oregonians get dental care and oral health education.

Our Tooth Taxi is serving more than 4,000 kids a year and delivering over \$1 million in free care annually. Read what the Tooth Taxi did on its "summer vacation" serving Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) and Boys & Girls Clubs sites on page 5. We also introduce a special Volunteer Spotlight on page 5 featuring dental hygienist Molly Morse who has served several tours of duty on the Tooth Taxi. Also check out our Volunteer Hall of Fame list.

This fall we kick-off our new fundraising campaign: Stand Up for Children's Oral Health. I can't think of a

better example of standing up for what you believe in than the example set by the ODS Companies, which once again is matching donations for the fall campaign up to \$35,000. Thank you ODS for being an outstanding friend of DFO and children's oral health in Oregon.

I know you are asked for support by many nonprofit organizations, and I also know that you understand better than most how important good oral health is to a child's overall health and future. That is why I am asking you to support our fall campaign with a donation to DFO. If you have made a donation already this year, thank you very much and please consider giving again. If you are new to DFO, please show us where you stand on children's oral health and make an online donation today at www.SmileOnOregon.org.

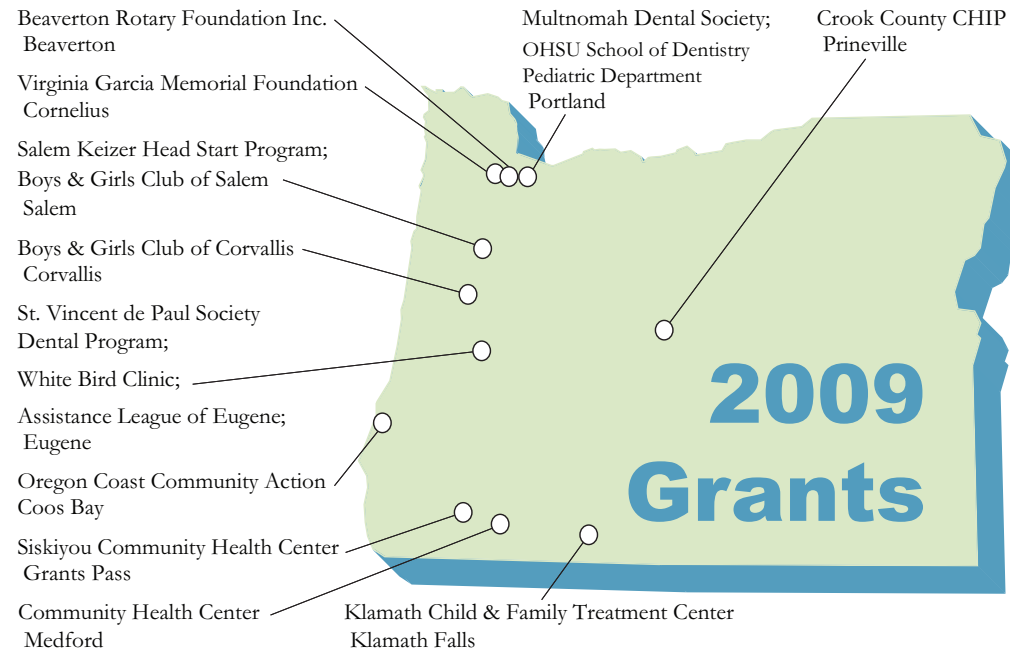
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Charlie LaTourette
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2009 DFO Grants

The Dental Foundation of Oregon board of directors approved 2009 DFO Community Grants to 15 nonprofit organizations totaling \$56,300. Grants will help provide dental care, supplies and oral health education to nearly 20,000 individuals as well as support nonprofit organizations through which hundreds of Oregon dentists volunteer in their communities every year.



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BREAKING NEWS

Community Grants Surpass Million Dollar Mark

With the 2009 grants, the Dental Foundation has reached the milestone of giving more than \$1 million to nonprofit dental programs that have helped over 250,000 Oregonians get dental care and oral health education. "Supporting nonprofit dental programs is an important part of what we do," said Charlie LaTourette, DFO's executive director. "It is especially important during this economic recession that we take care of Oregon's children — certainly one of our most vulnerable populations."

Tooth Taxi Reaches Year-One Milestone!

Over 4,250 students served and \$1,001,742 in free dental care provided

Completing its first year on the road September 3, 2009, the Tooth Taxi mobile dental van has surpassed expectations serving over 4,250 children and delivering \$1,001,742 in free dental services.

The Tooth Taxi provided comprehensive and preventive care

to underserved children in over 45 schools and communities throughout Oregon. "We are very excited about reaching this milestone," said Charlie LaTourette, DFO's executive director. "The program is making a significant difference in the lives of thousands of Oregon children, and we are very grateful to the Tooth Taxi staff, our partners OEA Choice Trust and ODS Companies, and our many volunteers and donors for helping to make it a success."

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Neomi Rios

appropriate instruction, a video presentation and lecture. Each patient receives an oral hygiene kit, and parents are asked to attend two classes. Neomi Rios (above) delivers an in-class oral health education session to pregnant mothers.

Between 2008 and 2009, 102 women participated in the OB Baby Dental Project, attending hygiene visits and participating in oral health education sessions. Program participants

showed positive health outcomes with their pregnancies and deliveries. Of the 102 OB Baby Dental Project participants, only one baby was born at low birth weight and two were born prematurely — while 10 low-birth-weight babies were born to mothers who did not participate in the OB Baby Dental Project.

Fabiola, a pregnant mother who had never had previous dental care, was able to participate in the OB Baby Dental Project. “We were able to provide extensive periodontal treatment that resulted in healthy gums and a very pleased patient,” said Karen Hall, dental hygienist at

the Virginia Garcia Dental Clinic. “She not only received needed treatment, but she attended the education sessions

for pregnant women, which help women learn to clean their own teeth, their baby’s teeth, the teeth of other children and her other family members.”

Fabiola’s story is just one example of how the OB Baby Dental Project, supported by a DFO Community Grant, impacts entire families. Fabiola’s baby has a head

start on healthy teeth and gums, and Fabiola’s other family members have already gained the tools they need to maintain good oral health and overall wellness.

“Through our valued partnership with the Dental Foundation of Oregon, we are able to help women improve their own oral health, the overall health of their newborn infants and the oral health of their other children.”

—Christine Rontal MSW
VGMF Exec. Director

Tooth Taxi Goes Back-to-School

In September, the Tooth Taxi stopped at the Portland Community Transition School before hitting the road again to visit schools and one OCDC site in southern Oregon with stops in Ashland, Grants Pass, Canyonville and Myrtle Creek. October and falling leaves will greet the staff as they visit Roseburg, Pine Eagle, Baker and the city of Irrigon in Morrow

County. In November, the van visits Santiam Canyon, Scio, The Dalles, Gervais and Beaverton before heading back to the greater Portland area in December to serve schools in the Clackamas and Reynolds school districts.

“We are looking forward to taking care of children in these communities,” said Mary Daly, Tooth Taxi program manager.

“Working closely with our partners, the OEA Choice Trust, school officials and community members, we will deliver comprehensive and preventive dental services to as many children as possible.”

To see the full fall schedule, visit the Foundation’s website at www.SmileOnOregon.org.

Tooth Taxi Volunteer Spotlight

Molly Morse, RDH

Registered Dental Hygienist

My name is Molly Morse, and I am a registered dental hygienist that has spent time volunteering on the Tooth Taxi. I am originally from Minnesota and went to dental hygiene school at Lake Superior College in Duluth, Minn., after finishing my bachelor’s degree in community health at Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn. I practiced hygiene in Minnesota for two years before moving to Oregon. I lived in Bend, Ore., until December 2007, when I moved to Portland to join my husband while he attends dental school, which he will finish in 2011. We have four “kids”: Wyatt is our two-and-a-half-year-old son, Paige is our three-month-old daughter, and Mac and Mabel are our seven-year-old Labrador retrievers. In our spare time (what is that?), we like spending time as a family in the outdoors, watching movies or just enjoying the entertainment of a two-and-a-half-year-old!

I grew up in a middle-class family, and as a child, I believed that all kids went to the dentist — this is not the case. I also was raised to try and help people in need. I have a unique skill that some people may not have



access to on their own, and the Tooth Taxi enables me to give back. After doing my table clinic on pediatric dental care in dental hygiene school, I was hooked on pedo. I was blessed to work as a pediatric hygienist for three years but have now gone back to general dentistry. Volunteering on the Tooth Taxi gives me a chance to work with kids again, and I love it! Helping kids realize the importance of good dental care and making an impact on their health is so rewarding. I may not recognize each child if I saw him or her again, but the impact they make on me with a “thank you” and a smile after treatment is overwhelming.

Tooth Taxi Welcomes New Assistant



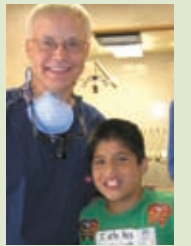
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Assistant

Michelle Kline joined the Tooth Taxi staff in August as our certified dental assistant. She is certified in radiology and expanded functions. Prior to the Tooth Taxi, Michelle worked in private practice for six years and spent the past year at ODS in Dental Customer Service. Michelle

hails from Portland, attended PCC for dental assisting and has a bachelor’s degree in science from Oregon State University. Michelle loves spending time outdoors; her favorite spots are Bend and the Oregon coast. Michelle enjoys gardening and working with kids, and she is looking forward to making a difference in her new position and discovering new areas of Oregon.

What We Did on Our Summer Vacation

During our summer “vacation” from visiting schools throughout Oregon, the Tooth Taxi was kept very busy providing free dental care and oral health education to children at Oregon Child Development



Dr. Mike Murat

Coalition (OCDC) sites that serve children of migrant and seasonal farm workers during Oregon’s peak agricultural months. The van visited OCDC sites in Cornelius, The Dalles, Gresham, Woodburn, Independence and Madras. In addition, the Tooth Taxi visited the Police Activities League summer program, the Children’s Community Clinic in Portland, the Multnomah Educational Service District (MESD) summer migrant program, and a Boys & Girls Club site in Albany. Our summer vacation efforts provided dental services to more than 650 children, and we delivered over \$145,000 in free dental care. We are grateful to the many volunteer dentists, hygienists and dental assistants who helped make our visits successful. For a complete list of our incredible Tooth Taxi volunteers see page 7.