



2023 Impact Report

CURA SMILES OVERVIEW

Cura Smiles, a non-profit organization based in San Diego, CA, is committed to providing dental care free of charge to refugees, low-income and homeless individuals. Many Cura Smiles' patients reveal that they have not visited a dentist in over two decades, while others have never received dental care. Suffering from chronic pain and infections, their oral health issues worsen over time. Through the generosity of donors and the dedication of volunteer dentists, hygienists, students, and dental assistants, Cura Smiles has provided 2,848 free procedures valued at \$514,000 to date. The organization is tirelessly striving to address the dental care needs in the community.



Thomas Fitzpatrick, DDS
Executive Director



Janet Simpson, RDA, CDA
Clinic Coordinator



Darlene McCarthy, RDAEF
Clinic Coordinator

THE CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

Cura Smiles Dental Clinic is situated in the vibrant community of City Heights in San Diego, CA. Through listening to our patients' stories, we are gaining insights into the underlying factors contributing to their oral health issues. The primary factor is poverty, where oral health takes a back seat to essential needs like rent and groceries. Fear and shame are also significant factors, with some patients visibly trembling during visits or feeling embarrassed and covering their mouths when smiling. Many patients are unaware of the importance of oral hygiene practices like brushing and flossing nor are they aware of the direct relationship between oral health and overall physical health.

Cura Smiles is committed to overcoming these barriers by welcoming those in need with open arms, providing dental care free of charge and educating our patients about good oral hygiene practices. We strongly believe in providing compassionate care and equipping our patients with the necessary tools and knowledge so they can live healthier, more fulfilling lives.



2023 VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

1,250

Total volunteer hours completed by caring dental professionals and students.



19

Dentists, dental hygienists, oral surgeons and dental lab technicians volunteered at the Cura Smiles Dental Clinic in 2023.

19

Pre-dental students from local universities volunteered throughout 2023 at the Cura Smiles Dental Clinic.



22%

increase in volunteer hours served from 2022 to 2023.

**Statistics reflect data collected from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023*

PATIENT STORY

Meet Veronica

Veronica was one of the few who was grateful to wear a mask during the pandemic, because it hid her broken smile. Her fear of dentists began in her late teens after enduring four distressing dental experiences. Consequently, she avoided dental care for two decades. She began covering her smile when her front tooth became loose and eventually fell out. That was followed by the loss of more teeth until only 13 decaying teeth remained. After receiving unaffordable quotes from six dentists, she thought she would have to wear a mask indefinitely. Luckily, a friend from her church introduced her to Cura Smiles, where committed volunteers restored her warm and radiant smile.



I cannot begin to tell you how much this program has changed my life! I didn't think I'd smile again. I didn't think that I'd eat or enjoy certain foods again. This program is so needed by people like me, that really have no hope of getting their smiles fixed because they can't afford the procedures. Without Cura Smiles, I don't know what I would have done.

COMMUNITY PARTNER STORY

Urban Street Angels

At Cura Smiles, we are committed to educating individuals about the importance of oral health and good oral hygiene practices. In January 2023, Urban Street Angels invited us to speak to a group of youths under their care. We gladly jumped at the opportunity to educate them about their oral health. Subsequently, several individuals have sought further treatment at Cura Smiles.



“Cura Smiles has been such a blessing for Urban Street Angels. Most of our youth have not had the privilege of going to the dentist in many many years due to experiencing homelessness and very low income... most have not been seen by a dentist since very early childhood. They are in disbelief when they come into our shelters and housing sites and learn about the free services you provide. It's more than assisting with their health and wellbeing; our youth feel seen and important. They receive a sense of self worth and community each time they leave your office. The change we as staff get to see in our youth after a visit is incredible! It brings us as much joy as it does to the youth whose lives are being changed through your free services.

Thank you so much, Cura Smiles, for your time, passion, and all that you do.”

- Lauren Gutierrez, Urban Street Angels

2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Statement of Activities

Revenue & Support

Corporate Contributions	\$	56,992.00
Individual, Business Contributions	\$	45,979.65
Government Grants	\$	4,643.00
In-Kind Donations	\$	68,658.66
In-Kind Services & Rent	\$	66,569.50
Total Revenue & Support	\$	242,839.81

Expenses

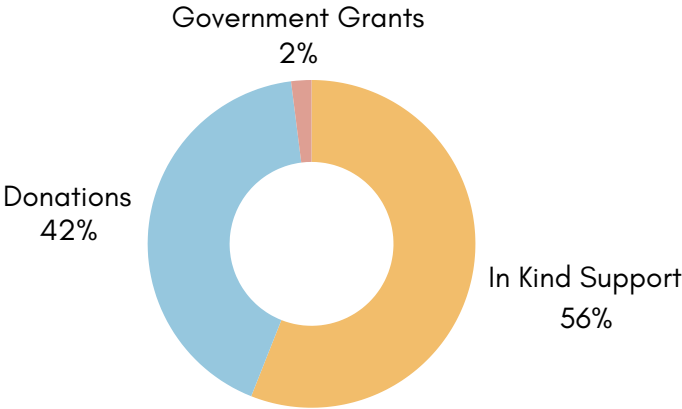
Contract Services	\$	9,617.21
Facilities & Equipment	\$	21,522.50
Dental Services	\$	58,872.50
Depreciation	\$	7,490.00
Operations	\$	86,468.40
Payroll	\$	50,897.30
Total Expenses	\$	232,867.99

Net Income \$ 9,971.82

Statement of Financial Position

Total Assets	\$156,107.02
Total Liabilities	\$646.71
Total Net Assets	\$155,460.31
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$156,107.02

Revenue & Support



108%

Increase in Individual Contributions from 2022 to 2023.

2023 PATIENT STATISTICS

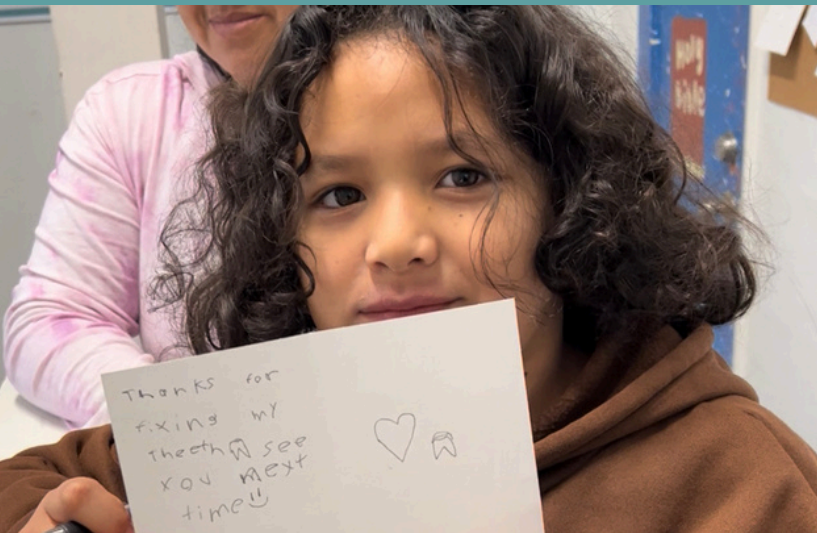
251

Patients were treated at the Cura Smiles Clinic.



1,350

Dental procedures were performed for the patient population.



\$255K

Worth of dental procedures were performed free of charge.



32%

increase in number of patients served from 2022 to 2023.

**Statistics reflect data collected from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023*



A NOTE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



I am excited to share this impact report with you because it represents another significant year of growth, improving the lives of many with little or no access to dental services. Teeth and smiles play such an important role in the overall health and wellbeing of each person. They not only provide proper function for chewing and systemic health, but they are also so instrumental in overall self-confidence and positive interaction with friends, family, workplace, and the general public. We hope Veronica's smile transformation gives you a glimpse of the numerous stories of individuals impacted by the work of Cura Smiles. We have been able to expand our impact through collaborations with other community non-profits who are aware of the needs of the people they serve. We have been blessed by several grant requests and the personal donations of many individuals like you who can instantly see a return on the investment in smiles transformed by the work of Cura Smiles. We thank you for your continued support and hope you will consider increasing your gifts as we work to meet the needs of more and more who are unable to access much needed dental services.

Thomas Fitzpatrick, DDS
Executive Director

Bill Bramley
Board President

[Donate Today](#)

THANK YOU

cura[®]smiles 2023 Donors

\$25,000 - \$50,000

Mark Barraza, DDS
The Comcast NBC Universal Foundation
Henry Schein Cares

\$10,000 - \$24,000

Ronald Fritz, D.D.S.
Point Loma Nazerene University

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Advanced Dental Arts
Boys and Girls Foundation
Karen and Greg Balourdas
Dental Fundamentals CE
Kurt Hummeldorf DMD
Wolf Lange/Lab Tech
Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
The Thursday Club Foundation

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Gelareh Asadi, D.D.S.
Amanjot Bains, D.D.S.
Cale Bender, D.D.S.
Cheryl and William Bramley
Tom Brunson
Patricia Butler and Jim Seman
Timothy Carpenter, D.D.S.
David Cheung, D.D.S.
Sara and Gerald Choung
San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization
Jenny and Chris Fisher
Tara and Thomas Fitzpatrick, D.D.S.
Samuel I. & John Henry Fox Foundation
Paul Luczynski, D.D.S.
Truska Mahmood, D.D.S.
Grant McGann, D.D.S.

Jai Kaknar and Suneetha Menon
Parthvathi Pokala, D.D.S.
Lindy Rucks DDS
Shewmaker Family Fund
Genevieve and Geoff Sigmund, M.D.
Katherine Thomson DDS
Jack White, D.D.S.

\$500 - \$999

Elaine and Doug Butz
Paul Champlin
Eli Williams and Cecilia Farfan
Ron Lauderbach and Kathy Hurder
Kathleen Nordland, RDH
Sandi Petros, RDAEF2
Point Loma Rotary Endowment Fund

Up to \$499

Shannen Anderson, RDH
Otis Barnes, RDA
Allison Bechill
Kandac Borrueal, RDA
Lisa and Ryan Burger
Molly and Bruce Crabtree, M.D.
Thomas Jackson, Stephanie Densmore
Kathleen Dyke
Debbie and Jon Fitzpatrick
Magan Gore, RDH
Patricia and Bob Hasse
Monica Hernandez, RDA
Danielle Jones, RDH
Antonio Rodriguez
Peggy and Bob Sbardellati
Tom Tourtellott
Patricia Wise

YOUR SUPPORT CREATES HEALTHY SMILES.