

College of Dentistry Outreach Highlights 2020

The College of Dentistry's students, faculty and staff share a passion for helping the underserved. Even when the COVID-19 pandemic made outreach more challenging, the college continued to improve the oral health of the people of Nebraska and beyond.

Children's Dental Day



218 children received much needed dental care. They were from Columbus, Crete, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Lincoln and Omaha.

350+ volunteers including students, faculty staff, and students from other local educational institutions, worked together to put on the largest Dental Day in more than 10 years.

In the Community



392 hours volunteered by College of Dentistry students at Clinic with a Heart. They helped perform screenings, x-rays and extractions. These patients are desperately in need of, and greatly appreciate, this care.



165 people received screenings or treatment at the People's City Mission and community events.

Oral Health Education



6,000+ people received oral health items and education.

Partnering organizations: Lincoln - Asian Community & Cultural Center, Cedars, CenterPointe, Food Bank of Lincoln, FoodNet Inc. of Lincoln, Friendship Home, Lincoln Literacy, Little Free Pantries, Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach, People's City Mission, Salvation Army, YWCA. Omaha - UNMC Child Development Center, UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute Trunk or Treat, United Way of the Midlands.



In Schools



1,063 children were screened and/or received treatment through the Department of Dental Hygiene's Sealant Program and 1,410 children received oral health education.



13 schools were sites for teledentistry consultations. Pediatric dental residents and faculty serve as a resource for school health professionals serving at-risk children in Omaha & Lincoln Public Schools.

Virtual Education



5,000+ people viewed College of Dentistry educational videos and virtual information booths at community health and wellness fairs.

Early Dental Starter Kits



7,550 kits were assembled with oral hygiene items for children from birth to six years old in Nebraska. A partnership between the College of Dentistry, the Nebraska DHHS Office of Oral Health and Dentistry and the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Student Projects



178 children with special needs attended a drive-thru trunk or treat event hosted by UNMC Student Alliance for People of All Abilities.



1,232 items collected by the American Student Dental Association for the Lincoln Food Bank and the UNMC Support Your NEighbor initiative collected over 90 pounds of food for the Catholic Social Services.

Extramural Rotations



Students provided oral health care at service-learning sites statewide from January-March and October-December.

Interprofessional Education



Students from different health professions are often involved in the college's outreach activities, including UNMC College of Nursing students. The students learn how to work together to improve health outcomes.

Total Impact

25,000+ people benefited

from the college's 2020 outreach efforts