



Ribbon Cutting for Snake River Community Clinic's Dental Clinic was funded by Delta Dental of Idaho on June 14th, 2022. Pictured left to Right: Carol Moehrle, Board of Directors; Sarah George, Dental Coordinator; Tana Amaral, CPh-T; Vanesa Serna, MA; Jim Pierce, DDS, Board of Directors; Heidi Burford-Bell, Clinic Director; Dr. Glenn Jefferson, Clinic Founder. Photo by Joe Anderson of Lucidity Photography.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

- \$50,000** Tri-State Memorial Hospital Medications
- \$229,119** Americares Medications and Supplies
- \$12,000** Pathologist's Regional Laboratory
- \$74,259** Direct Relief Medications & Medical Supplies
- \$158,189** Community Medications & Medical Supplies

DONATED & REDIRECTED SUPPLIES

300 lbs

Expired & Short Date Medical Supplies to Nursing and Respiratory Therapy School

\$210,139

Safety Net Products Donated to the Local Community



Medical Supplies

20 Boxes to Hands for Hope

Assistive Devices

Donated to Disability Action Center

Attends 30 Boxes Directed to Community Action Center
50 Boxes to Home Care Patients

CPAP Supplies

2 Boxes to Reggie White Foundation

Tube Feeding Supplies & Nutritional Supplements

Donated to Underserved Gastroenterology Patients

PROVIDING ACCESS TO QUALITY DENTAL SERVICES

The highlight of the year was the grand opening of the Snake River Community Clinic (SRCC) Dental Operator sponsored by Delta Dental Foundation of Idaho. This new space is providing expanded dental services including preventative and restorative for the underserved. "The new dental operator is a beautiful modern space with which the community can be proud," says Heidi Burford-Bell, Clinic Director. "Patients will at once feel the caring investment and deep commitment to providing access to quality dental services".

The ribbon cutting ceremony was well attended by community members from the Lewis-Clark Valley Chamber

of Commerce, local dentists, Rep. Lori McCann, Mayor Dan Johnson, Delta Dental of Idaho's CEO, members of the Board, and many volunteers past and present. As restrictions on in person events and meetings had lifted, gathering together in celebration as a community held an even greater significance.

"This service is an extension of the original doctors who founded it and their mission to provide access to medical care, and now

state-of-the-art dental care, to those in the community who do not have access to dental care due to cost and income limitations," says James E. Pierce, DDS, Dental Director for the Clinic.

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CONTINUED: PROVIDING ACCESS TO QUALITY DENTAL SERVICES

Community members seeking dental care need only to call the clinic to schedule an appointment with the Dental Coordinator, Sarah George. Just like all the services at SRCC—dental care is offered at no cost for underserved patients, including senior citizens. Should a patient need services unavailable at SRCC, financial assistance is available.

September saw a sixty percent increase in community utilization of services—thanks to the additional offerings of dental care, free eyeglasses and patient resources coordination. Improving the oral health of the community with free restorative dental services helps businesses, improves mental health, decreases emergency room visits, and improves health equity across the Lewis-Clark Valley and region.

Snake River Community Clinic’s board of directors and staff are proud of this contribution to improving oral health. SRCC would also like to acknowledge funding from the Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation and numerous community and church donors. Without all of the funding, support, and time of the volunteer dental providers this work would not be possible.

SPREAD THE WORD

Please help spread the word that SRCC is here to help the uninsured, the under-insured and the underserved. It’s hard to know who may be in need, but if we continue to talk to our neighbors, friends, and family—we just might reach someone who couldn’t find the words to ask for help. Instead, all they need to do is show up. Learn more about our services at www.srccfreeclinic.org.



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“Patients will at once feel the caring investment.”

Heidi Burford-Bell, Executive Director

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

By Carson Jeppson, Lewis-Clark State College Pre-Med Graduate

While I attended Lewis-Clark State College I had the opportunity to work at the Snake River Community Clinic (SRCC) as a member of the LC Work Scholars. Working at the clinic afforded me many opportunities to help serve my community and gain experience.

There were so many times people would call the clinic looking for any sort of help whether that was paying for medications or just seeing a physician about certain ailments. That was when I got to tell them that all the services that we provided were free of charge. Most of the time I would have to repeat that line several times before they would believe me.

SRCC also helped me in my education as I prepared to go to medical school. I was able to interact with patients and gained some great experience while doing it, received on the job training, and participated in a medical scribe training program. I feel like I am now better prepared to enter the medical with a very successful future ahead of me.



Photo by Brad Stinson

BRIDGING THE GAP IN HEALTHCARE

The blue bridge is a significant landmark and connection between Idaho and Washington. At SRCC, it represents a challenge to bridge the gap in healthcare access for this community.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

When I left the Lewis-Clark Valley for college, I intended to never return. I loved abundant trees and big cities. It wasn’t until I was in the Sacred Valley of Peru looking out over the treeless brown hills that I recognized the beauty of the Lewis-Clark Valley. Essentially that experience re-framed my perspective of the valley and challenged me to find beauty wherever I am.

This challenge was thrown at me particularly hard when I was out for a walk on normal hill. I found a bit of graffiti on a bench that stated “LCV = Lost Cause Valley”. My heart sank. I wished I could reach through time to that person. Life often begs of us for a re-frame.

There is a beauty and hope in the Valley that emanates from the hearts of those that serve. It has been a privilege to work in the nonprofit sector and meet some of the amazing people dedicated to serving their community and working to make the world a better place. How can we re-frame the valley for those feeling lost?

The work that we do at Snake River Community Clinic gives people hope—whether they are patients, volunteers, donors, students or family members. I want the community to know the clinic is here for them—we believe in health equity. Everyone deserves the opportunity to achieve their best health.

Whenever a donation is given to the clinic our door can swing wider to offer more hope—in the form of access to quality healthcare services. It is a beautiful gift that is graciously returned to the Valley. Or perhaps even re-framed as beauty and gracious health opportunity. Thank you for being a part of this work to help bridge the gap.



HEIDI BURFORD-BELL
Executive Director

CURRENT PROJECTS

WHOLISTIC CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

There are several exciting projects currently underway. But first, none of them would be possible without the amazingly generous volunteers and donors. The clinic’s patients, staff, and this community are very fortunate! One of the main projects over the last two years has been the integration of oral and behavioral health into primary care practices. SRCC providers have been receiving additional training to provide more holistic care for the whole person. As such, services for patients have expanded while still striving to maintain a compassionate small clinic familiarity. The foot care clinic will operate at SRCC this December. Donations of winter hygiene products are being accepted.

Snake River Community Clinic is hosting SafeSide Suicide Prevention training courses sponsored by the Idaho Suicide Prevention Coalition and American Foundation for Suicide

Prevention. “This vital, clinical-level education helps intercept suicide at the gates of healthcare. Overall, 64 percent of patients made some type of healthcare visit within a month before attempting suicide, 38 percent of patients within a week, and nearly 95 percent within a year,” according to sources at the Idaho Office of Suicide Prevention. The goal is to train volunteer primary care providers with a common approach and language to prevent suicide for those at risk. Those interested in the training should call the SRCC clinic director for more information and scheduling.

In order to see all the projects, stakeholders are encouraged to come and see the clinic or even better: volunteer!

