

“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”
– Ronald Reagan



by Jim Ruddy

North Dallas Shared Ministries offers a **Great Place to Practice**

Do you ever dream of being able to focus all your attention on patient care, without the distraction of running (or supporting) a successful dental practice? Would you like to walk into a state-of-the-art clinic and start practicing your chosen profession – while others handle administrative details and see that everything is in place to support your efforts? And would you enjoy knowing that you're giving back to the community where you live and work?

If you answered **yes**, then North Dallas Shared Ministries offers an exciting volunteer opportunity. If you are willing to donate 24 to 48 hours a year, to provide 4 hours of your time (3 hours in the clinic plus travel time) every month or every other month, then you would enable NDSM to establish another regularly scheduled dental clinic.

NDSM is the charitable outreach of over 50 North Dallas congregations that provides dental care, medical care, food, emergency assistance, tax preparation, education and job counseling to over 60,000 clients annually. Open six days a week, it relies on over 500 volunteers to deliver this broad range of services to the working poor, seniors on fixed incomes and others who need some help to better their lives.

NDSM needs licensed dental professionals – dentists, hygienists, assistants – to help maximize the return on the \$100,000 it invested in its dental clinic in 2012.

Through a generous grant from the Hamon Family Foundation, NDSM was able to totally renovate its clinic and equip three state-of-the-art treatment rooms. Each of the three rooms in the Dental Clinic now features the latest in equipment:

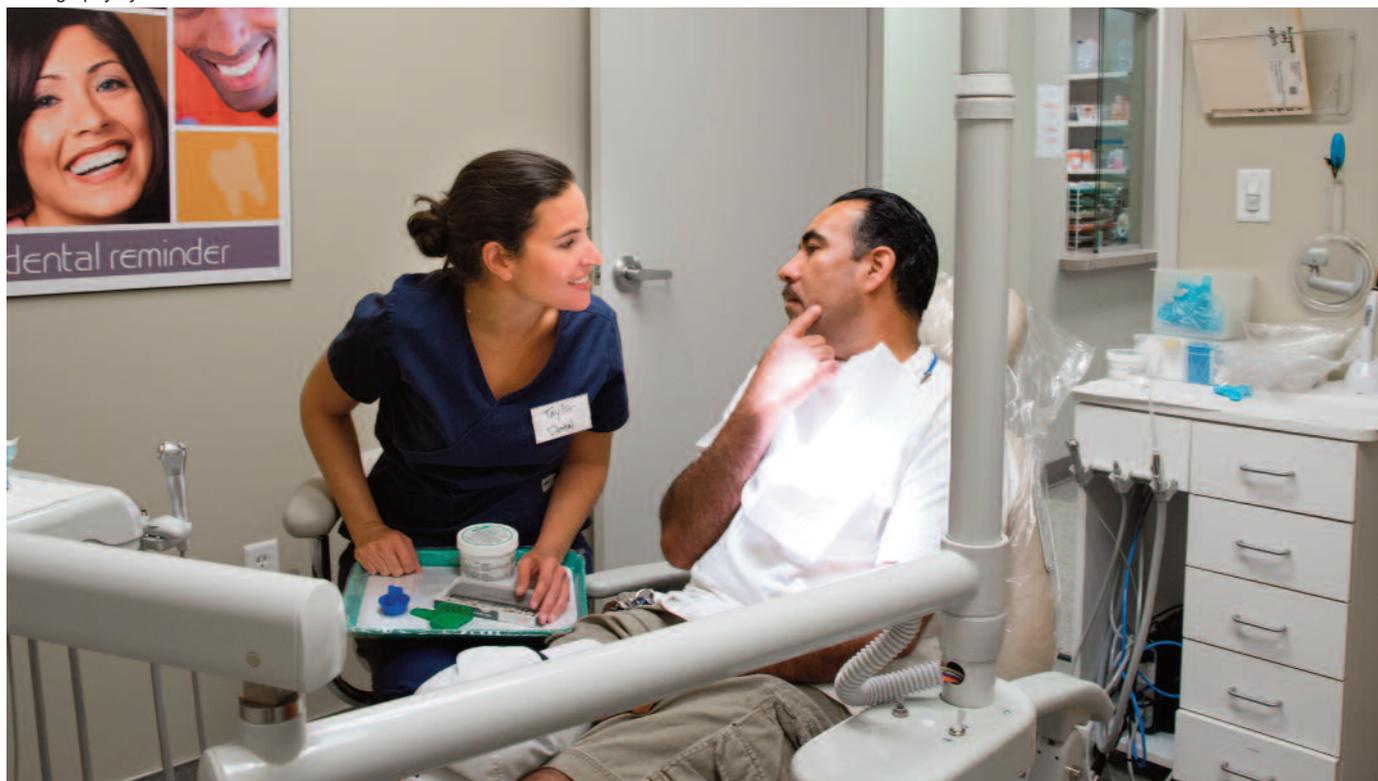
- Summit Dental's Daytona chairs
- One complete Daytona package swivel chair with touchpad pre-position and auto exit – including a chair-mounted three-handpiece set and telescoping assistant arm
- Two stand-alone hygiene chairs
- Nomad digital portable x-ray machine with XDR Size 2 Sensor
- Additional new, state-of-the-art accessories

In prior years, NDSM offered acute care, extractions and treatment of dental infections at no cost to thousands of Dallas residents. With these new facilities, it is now able to offer:

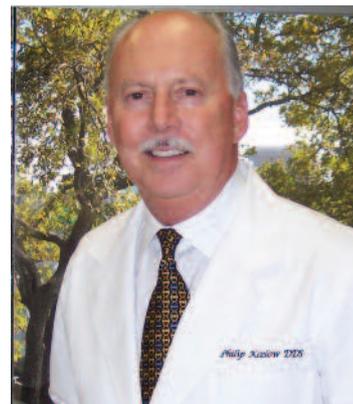
- Cleaning and education to reduce infection
- Gum treatment
- Minor restorative care including fillings
- Fitting of removable prosthetic devices

NDSM supports its dental professionals by providing malpractice insurance. It also supports its dental professionals by preparing each room prior to their arrival, so instruments are sterilized, all paperwork has been handled, everything is in place and they can get down to business.

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Philip Kozlow, DDS, (*right*) who has volunteered at NDSM since 2001, sums up what's possible now, "These added services are saving teeth, making people healthier and restoring dignity." He adds, "I've found volunteering at NDSM to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career."



Professionals who'd like to join Dr. Kozlow and NDSM's dental team may learn more about this opportunity by contacting NDSM's Dental Coordinator, Rosemary Kinman via email: dentalcoordinator@ndsm.org.

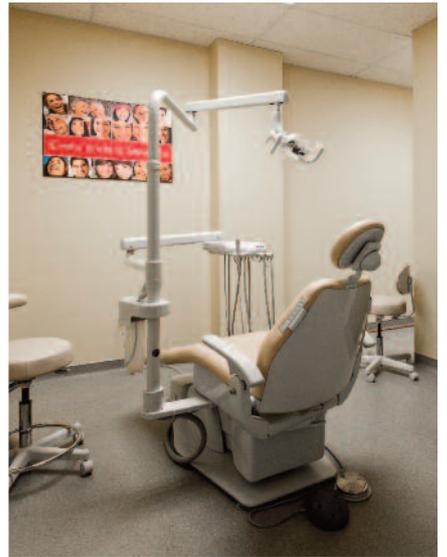


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“The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served.”
— Gordon B. Hinckley



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