## THE GATHERING PLACE DENTAL CLINIC

PRESENTED BY: DR. LINDA BLAKEY

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- Local representative for the Canadian Dental Association.
- Chair for the Outreach Committee with Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association (NLDA).



 Linda's work within the Outreach Committee has made her a leader with The Gathering Place Dental Clinic project.

# HOW IT BEGAN

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- Initially in 2018, the NLDA and the Salvation Army came together to begin working towards a dental clinic to care for those who tend to fall between the cracks within our system.
- At the same time, the Gathering Place had been making plans for a dental clinic in their facility as well. They approached the NLDA for assistance going forward.
- Information about the Gathering Place: <u>https://kindnesswanted.ca/</u>

#### DENTAL CLINIC DEVELOPMENT

- With the help of The Gathering Place and NLDA member, Dr. Stewart Gillies, the development and implementation of this clinic began.
- An Outreach Committee to assist with all outreach programs was created within the NLDA.
- Dr. Linda Blakey became the chair of that committee.

#### PROGRAM FUNDING

• The Gathering Place had additional space that was perfect for the clinic.

• A local business man offered a large donation to pay for the clinic's equipment and supplies.

• NLDA members also donated components for the clinic.

#### **OPERATIONAL FUNDING**

- The Gathering Place has hired a full time administrative/dental assistant for the clinic
- Through collaboration from NLDA and Government, The Gathering Place has their own institution number so that MCP can be billed appropriately.
- The Dental Clinic is now self-funded through MCP billings.

### **VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS**

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- Dentists have been asked to volunteer their time at this Dental Clinic and have graciously done so.
- In addition to dentists volunteering their time, the entire oral health profession has come together to support this project.
- The Dental Clinic is open 3 days a week and there is always a team of dentists, hygienists, and assistants ready to help.

#### GUESTS

- This clinic is intended to help the Guests of The Gathering Place.
- This is not a free clinic to the public.
- Any and all services that we provide are free to The Gathering Place Guests.
- There are currently 2, 000+ Guests.

### SERVICES

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- Many Guests have multiple oral health issues.
- Services are provided to individuals who have been Guests of The Gathering Place for at least one year.
- Dentists will provide an exam and x-rays to develop a treatment plan for each patient we see.
- The Gathering Place dental clinic is equipped to do exams, extractions, fillings, dentures and scalings (cleanings)

### NEW SERVICES

 The Canadian International Dentist Foundation (CIDF) has recently donated a panoramic x-ray machine.



- The NLDA has made an arrangement with a local lab for dentures.
  - Dentures will be supplied for a significantly lower cost thanks to Dental Crafts Ltd.









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The Gathering Place Community Health Centre Committed to:

- Person centered care and integrated care
- Improved systems capacity embedded in community, local assets and partnerships
- Multidisciplinary team-based care through a coordinated and integrated model
- Preventative and anticipatory care
- Support informed and empowered guests
- Data driven with defined outcome metrics



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