

Washington County Children's Dental Clinic  
16539 S.W. Tualatin Valley Highway  
Beaverton, Oregon 97005

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

On the first day of Dental Health Week 1968 the Washington County Children's Dental Clinic is privileged to announce the opening of its facility for service.

UNSOLVED DENTAL PROBLEMS AMONG WASHINGTON COUNTY CHILDREN

In the fall of 1965 the dentists of Washington County joined with the Dental Health Section of the Oregon State Board of Health to survey the dental health and the dental needs of children in third and fourth grades of school.

49.5% of 4,833 children surveyed needed dental care.

The percentage of children with untreated dental disease was highest in low income areas - 60.7%, and was lowest in high income areas - 42.1%.

On the basis of this survey it is estimated that in low income families (less than \$3,000 per year) there are some 4,900 children age 5 - 14 who need dental care. This is the target group for service by our Children's Dental Clinic.

PURPOSE OF CLINIC

The dentists of Washington County have taken the lead in developing plans for a dental service in this county designed to provide basic dental care to children of low income families not otherwise having access to necessary dental treatment.

The dentists who have worked on this project would like to give special recognition to Doctor Virgil Lee of Portland. For the past 17 years Doctor Lee has come out to St. Mary's School for Boys for 1/2 day per week and has provided dental care to the boys resident there. His accomplishment helped to inspire the undertaking of a county wide program. Doctor Lee and the clinic will continue the service to the resident group as part of the total project.

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

A non-profit corporation has been formed, consisting of a board of trustees, composed of dentists and other interested citizens.

Members of this board are as follows:

Dr. John Wagoner, Chairman  
Dr. W. Kirsch  
Dr. James Stewart  
Dr. R. Quinn  
Dr. R. Bates

Dr. B. E. Peterson  
Dr. A. Colwell  
Mr. George McBride  
Mr. Lewis Myatt  
Mr. Arleigh Berget

Mr. Paul Reeder  
Mr. Ted Jensen  
Father Goodrich  
Mr. Robert Cowger  
Mr. James Springer

LOCATION

Saint Mary's Home for Boys near Beaverton is providing the clinic space on the ground floor level of its main building with adjacent paved parking area.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Major contributions from the following sources have provided initial support to develop the Clinic:

Beaverton Kiwanis Club  
Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Cedar Hills Kiwanis Club  
Forest Grove Rotary Club

Tektronix Foundation  
Barnard & Kinney, Contractors  
North's Plumbing Company  
Beaverton Rotary Club

Equipment items for the Clinic have been donated by several local practicing dentists. The Washington County Community Action Center has been responsible for securing government surplus dental equipment and other necessary items.

A grant in aid from the Dental Section of the Oregon State Board of Health covers the salary and incidental expenses for the Dental Assistant (Mrs. Carter) who works full time at the Clinic.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Doctor John Wagoner of Beaverton is the Chairman for the Clinic. Mrs. Betty Carter is the certified Dental Assistant for the Clinic.

The practicing dentists of Washington County volunteer their time on a scheduled basis to permit full time 5 day/week operation of the Clinic service. This means an annual donation of professional services valued in excess of \$10,000.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any child of school age with dental disease coming from a low income family. Eligibility parallels the income levels set for the Abundant Food Program in Washington County. Very large families may have incomes up to \$4,900 and still be eligible. Criteria are set by a Screening Committee from the Board of Trustees, and special cases are reviewed by this committee.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SERVICE

Contact public health nurse, school administrator, minister or Community Action Program Center for information and application form.