

# Community Dental Centre

The Community Dental Centre (CDC) celebrated its 13th anniversary in September 2025!

Since opening its doors, the CDC has had 31,887 patient visits, providing much needed dental care at reduced or no cost to low-income individuals and families in our community. It is only through the unwavering support of our donors that the CDC is able to serve our communities in need of emergency and preventative dental care.

We have been active in our community! We have made sure to connect and establish relationships with other organizations within our catchment areas in order to best serve our population. This is thanks to our Community and Clinic Engagement Lead, Violet, who has represented our clinic with pride!

## Major Financial Supporters of the Year

- Army, Navy, Airforce Evets Unit 5
- BC Dental Association
- Community Foundation North Okanagan
- Jane Lister
- Jean & Kenneth Finch
- Julia Lissau
- Laurie Clarke & Rodney Wills
- Nancy & Ken Kurbis
- The Vernon Book Volunteer Society
- Vancouver Foundation
- Vernon Lions Club
- Victor Lepp
- We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC

Our major financial supporters donated \$1000 or more during this anniversary year.

## New Look!

We have revamped our logo and image with the gracious help of Alex and Ria Creative Studio! Make sure to check in as changes roll out



## CLINICAL OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

- Our dental services are delivered by our staff: two dentists, three hygienists, three CDAs, and administrative support staff.
- Establishing a new pathway for Temporary Foreign Workers to access dental care.
- Fundraising efforts through the spring plant sale.
- The clinic is open five days per week and had 3,281 patient visits.
- \$1,012,000 total services provided and \$522,559 services provided at no cost to patients.

## Year of Change

Earlier in the year, our clinic unfortunately flooded, unexpectedly closing our doors for 2 months. Despite this challenging obstacle, the support received from the dental community and the resilience of our team allowed us to continue providing services to our clients. We are extremely grateful to Civic Dental for allowing us to use their clinic, and Okanagan Restoration for repairing our clinic with haste so our services could continue. In addition to our restorations, we installed 3 new dental chairs, delivery units and lights with funding from the BC Dental Association! We continue to strive for change as we are in the process of rebranding our name.

In the past year, we've had a change in staffing. Firstly, we'd like to wish all the best to our lead receptionist Rylee as she goes on maternity leave! In turn, we would like to give a warm welcome to our new hires: Robin, Shane and Olivia! We've also had a change in Board members so we'd like to thank Mark, Kara, and Johanna for their service and dedication to our organization. We are also excited to welcome Bernie and Shirley onto the Board!



Shane



Olivia



Robin

### Ways you can help!



If you wish to contribute to the betterment of oral health in the North Okanagan community, you can donate directly by using the QR code below!



-  @cdacnorthokanagan
-  @cdacvernon
-  @Community Dental Access Centre

Thank you to all our donors and supporters who provide us with the resources to continue this work in our community.

You can also check our website for ways to volunteer!

### Awards

We are proud to have received the Vernon Chamber of Commerce Not-for-Profit Business Excellence Award and the Vernon Women In Business' charity partner of the year!

## Angel Fund



Every day at Community Dental Centre, we meet patients who are in pain, struggling, or putting off essential dental care simply because they cannot afford it. Behind every untreated problem is a story, and our Angel Fund exists to change those stories for the better.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, the Angel Fund provides direct financial assistance to patients who need urgent or essential dental care but have no means to pay for it. This fund ensures that cost is never the reason someone is left suffering.

What the Angel Fund makes possible:

- **Relief from pain and infection.**
  - Many of our recipients arrive in crisis. Your support allows us to provide immediate treatment to get them out of pain and prevent serious medical complications.
- **Restored dignity and confidence.**
  - Dental issues often affect far more than physical health-they impact employment opportunities, social interactions, and self-esteem. Angel fund-supported care helps people smile freely again.
- **Early care for children and youth.**
  - Timely treatment can prevent long-term dental problems. The Angel Fund helps young patients get cleanings, fillings, and preventative care they could not otherwise afford.



In 2025, thanks to the Angel Fund we were able to provide:

- Funding for several children to be treated by a pediatric dentist under general anesthesia. Without funding, the parents had no way of paying the additional costs.
- Treatment of an emancipated child who had several urgent dental needs and was in pain.
- Relief from TMJ issues with nightguards to select patients.
- Funding to oral surgery clinics to perform more complex cases, some of which may have progressed into oral cancer if left untreated.
- Select funding to denturists when the cost was too high for the patients to afford on their own.
- Funding for preventative care on an ongoing basis.



Without your generosity, many of our patients would be in positions where they would continue to leave their oral health untreated. We are so very grateful to the donors that continue to support our Angel Fund, so that no person has to suffer and can be treated with dignity and respect in our community. **From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!**

We respectfully acknowledge that our dental clinic is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan people.



**We wish you a  
wonderful holiday  
season and a happy  
new year!**