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Hello!

2021 presented many challenges, but also provided much to be grateful for. Through the pandemic, our practice has remained strong; and with the hard work of our team and loyal patients like you, the future is looking brighter! All of us at Prairie Dental Group wish you a wonderful and prosperous 2022... May it be a better and easier year for everyone! Read ahead to learn about all the good things here at Prairie Dental Group.

Introducing: Dr. Judson Heitner Healthcare Outreach Grant

In October, Dr. Judd Heitner retired from dentistry and joined the group of outstanding dental professionals who have been a part of Prairie Dental Group. We will forever be thankful for the opportunity to work with him. As each PDG owner doctor has retired, we've created a Legacy Award to honor their years of service. With great pride, we would like to introduce: The **Dr. Judson Heitner Healthcare Outreach Grant**.



Dr. Jeff Heitner, Dr. Steve Nagy, Dr. Judd Heitner

This \$500 annual grant is given to a dental or medical healthcare outreach program. Dr. Heitner's visits providing dental care for the children at the Esperanza Viva orphanage in Puebla, Mexico were some of the most cherished times spent in his dental career. His compassion for others made him an exceptional dentist. Dr. Heitner has left such a mark on his patients and team members, that we continue to be better people both personally and professionally because of our relationship with him.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a nomination form. Submit by July 1st by mail, in-person, or by the email listed below. The winning grant recipient will be announced by September 1st. Please contact Paige Jechort at paigej@prairiedental.com or 952-903-5000 ext. 1113 for any questions.

2022 Dr. Jeff Heitner Health Sciences Scholarship

The Dr. Jeffrey Heitner Health Sciences Scholarship is back! This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a PDG patient pursuing a career in the health sciences. This year's essay topic is: **What has influenced your decision to pursue a degree in health sciences?** Applications are due April 20th, 2022. [Click Here to Apply!](#)



Children's Dental Health Month

Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease. It takes kids out of school for 51 million hours per year. 3 out of 5 kids are affected by oral diseases. Every \$1.00 spent towards prevention can save up to \$50 on restorative or emergency procedures. And on top of all of that... tooth decay is almost entirely preventable!

Download [FREE 2022 Brushing Calendars](#) today can help your child develop healthy habits!



Esperanza Viva Dental Mission Trips

Dr. Fenger, Amber, Deb, and Shadae spent a week at the Esperanza Viva youth home during the first week of November 2021. They got to experience the traditional Mexican celebration of Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). This multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects, to remember friends and family members who have died, and celebrate their lives. They also cared for the dental needs for over 90 children. Services provided included oral hygiene instruction, fluoride treatments, preventive cleanings sealants, fillings, and even oral surgery - Dr. Fenger removed wisdom teeth for several of the teenagers as well!



We are excited to announce that the next trip will be in May 2022! A stellar team including Prairie Dental Group's Dr. Judd Heitner, assistant Joyce, hygienist Paige, and office administrator Caryl will head down for a week of service and fun. Watch our social media for photos!

If you'd like to get involved, visit lovehopemercy.org.

Fur Babies! PDG's Pups & Pets

Our pups and pets keep us smiling everyday and we wanted to share them with all of you! Check out their wall display the next time you're at the office!



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