

Letter from a CADS Volunteer

Dear Capital Area Dental Specialists,

I would like to present a case referred to us by the Clinical Director of the St. David's Dental Program. Maria is an eight year old girl that presented with a mixed radiolucent-radiopaque lesion of the posterior mandible. This lesion was causing a delay in eruption of the second molar. The lesion (a complex odontoma) was surgically removed under general anesthesia in our office without complications. Follow-up shows the second molar erupting nicely.



It is satisfying helping young children in need through the St. David's Dental Program, as well as supporting my volunteer colleagues. This young girl's family was fantastic and very grateful for our help. They have baked goodies for our office and have sent several thanks you letters. My staff and I enjoyed the experience.

Due to her age and the surgery involved, the Dental Program needed the help of local specialists. I know that many of you have already answered the call. However, if you have not had the chance to take part in this great community service, please give them a call. Consider taking on a few cases per year to help our fellow dentists and the community. Any help is appreciated.

Thank you,
Dr. Steven Perkins

Questions?

**We've got
the Answers!**



How many referrals have been placed with volunteer providers this past year?

Answer: 47!

- 25 Lanier Challenge students
- 12 Children from elementary schools
- 10 Health Alliance Austin Musician patients

How many providers have pledged to take cases in-office?

Answer: 93!

- 57 General Dentists
- 10 Pediatric Dentists
- 10 Endodontists
- 9 Oral Surgeons
- 4 Periodontists
- 3 Prosthodontists

What tremendous support CADS provides to help Central Texans smile again. Thanks!

Michelle Augustine has been with us for four years and many of you know her as the voice of the Volunteer Coordinator, others know she sometimes disguises as Theo the Bear. Michelle is moving on to pursue self-employed contract work. She will be greatly missed but we wish her the best.

Deborah Durham, steps onboard as the Dental Resource Manager and will oversee the Volunteer Referral program. Deborah graduated from University of Southern Indiana's Dental Hygiene & Community Health Programs and from Texas State University's Masters in Public Administration Program. She has years of experience in clinical practice, public health, higher education and health administration. She is excited to be a part of this non-profit organization!

