



Theo's Corner

St. David's Community
Health Foundation
Leadership - Dental Program

A Community Partnership for Dental Health



Lanier Challenge Update

The Challenge:

Help us treat the 117 Lanier students who returned signed consent forms, after a screening was conducted at the high school by our mobile dental program.

The Response:

CADS rose to the challenge with a resounding, "Yes we can!" General dentists and specialists pledged to take cases in their office.

Welcome New Challenge Volunteers!

Michael Bell Julius Eickenhorst
Matthew Horne Robert Ramirez
Robert Villarreal

To date, **53** dentists have pledged to treat one Lanier High School student. We are grateful to all of you who have volunteered to help.

Placement Update:

As of April 10:

- 13** students have been placed with volunteer dentists
- 7** are in the process to be placed
- 27** students still need to be contacted for placement
- 18** students still need to be examined on mobile clinic
- 12** students have been resourced to a dentist
through Medicaid or Medical Assistance Program

It's never too late to sign up! If you would like to volunteer by taking a child patient, a Lanier student, or one of our HAAM patients for treatment in your office, then please call us at 879-6240. We will be glad to add your name to our list of those who are spreading healthy smiles across central Texas!



*You are not seeing doubles in the photo above.
What you are seeing is that our
Health Education Program has doubled!*

Lina C. Nívar has recently been hired as our second Health Educator. Along with Vickie Vásquez-Castañeda, Lina hopes to help eradicate childhood dental disease in Central Texas through dental education presentations. Lina has been in the social service field since 1991. She has worked with diverse populations as a counselor, facilitator, and educator in various non-profit agencies, such as Austin Family House, Cornerstone Counseling, Autism Center, and Any Baby Can. She is very excited about having joined our team and feels that her Masters in Elementary Education and Spanish proficiency will facilitate her involvement with children, families, and teachers in the greater Austin area.

Thanks to the **Favrot Foundation's** generous support, we are able to continue growing our education component. This school year we not only visited schools in AISD, but expanded our efforts to the Hays Consolidated ISD schools. Programs were also conducted for parents, agencies, and at health fairs. Just look at these metrics for classroom and adult education!

For Calendar Year 2006:

9,446 - # of students
596 - # of classrooms
2,953 - # of adults

Plans are underway to also educate students, focusing on Kindergarten through 2nd grade, in the Del Valle ISD, Pflugerville ISD, and Manor ISD for the upcoming school year.

