

14  
YEARS

ANNUAL  
REPORT

Dental Care  
for low-income  
individuals



OUR MISSION

**To ensure access to quality dental care and other health-related services for the underserved in South Central Wisconsin and beyond.**



More Smiles Wisconsin is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit. Founded in 2009, we serve individuals from Dane county and beyond. We continue to grow our scope of care and our impact. Learn more about our work and support us at [www.moresmileswi.org](http://www.moresmileswi.org).



**More Smiles Wisconsin**  
**staff and volunteers work to**  
**ensure access to quality dental care**  
**for those in need.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

We live in a society that judges us by our smiles. People with “bad” teeth are often unjustly categorized as being irresponsible and unemployable individuals. When a person experiences this type of bias, it can lead to a cycle that can be hard to break free from, especially if they lack the resources to do so. Consider the following statement: *I have bad teeth because I can't afford dental care, but nobody will hire me because I have bad teeth, so how I am ever going to afford dental care?* More Smile Wisconsin's goal is to break people free from this cycle. As our dental team works to restore smiles, they are in turn changing lives by restoring hope, self-esteem, and ability to work, learn, and play.



A study conducted by the American Dental Association found that 38% of the respondents find life, in general, to be less satisfying due to teeth and mouth problems. Even higher percentages of disparities like this exist within certain geographic locations and among minority populations. In Dane County alone there are over 100,000 people eligible for care at the More Smiles Wisconsin clinic – an overwhelming need.

Without the help of community-minded individuals like yourself, the difference we make in the lives of those who have found a dental home at More Smile Wisconsin work wouldn't be possible. Thank you for helping us bring more smiles to those we serve!

*Stacy Nehmer*

**STACY NEHMER, Executive Director**

**MSW NUMBERS**



**2,235**

**Patient appointments in 2023**

Adults and children who are Medicaid insured and/or are 200% or below the Federal Poverty Level



**8,075**

**Procedures performed in 2023**

Through comprehensive, emergency, and preventative care



**3,116**

**Volunteer hours given in 2023**

This includes dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, students, and community members







### 2023 Patient Demographics

77%

of patients were Medicaid insured

23%

of patients were uninsured

9%

of patients were senior citizens (age 65 and over)

44%

of patients were working adults

62%

of patients reside in Madison

100%

of patients are low-income



## More Smiles Wisconsin serves as a worksite providing employment and learning opportunities for aspiring dental professionals.

### YOUTH APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Through partnerships with local high schools and the Department of Workforce development, More Smiles Wisconsin provides 900 working hours each year to help students explore careers in dentistry.

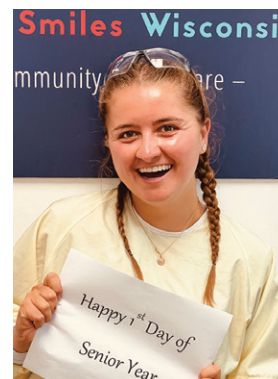
**“As a high school student participating in the Youth Apprenticeship Program, I was able to learn about dentistry and my passion for dentistry only grew as I learned how to be more caring and compassionate in a professional setting.”**



— Carter is currently a student at Marquette University and has been conditionally accepted into the dental school upon completion of his undergraduate degree.

### UW STUDENT PARTNERSHIP

More Smiles Wisconsin also serves as a learning site for UW undergraduate students pursuing health-related degrees, primarily in the dental field, by providing semester long clinic rotations. Rotations advance in functions performed each semester beginning with learning administration and intake processes and graduating to providing direct patient care by working chairside along with the dentist to complete procedures. Each year, over 2,912 of volunteer hours are provided by these students, as well as exposure to serving in a public health environment and caring for low-income populations.



We need your help in creating More Smiles in Wisconsin! Learn more at: [www.moresmileswi.org](http://www.moresmileswi.org)



## Thanks to our Sponsors & Partners!

The single largest barrier to accessing quality dental care for Medicaid recipients and uninsured individuals is cost. More Smiles Wisconsin is proud to be able to provide accessibility to that much needed care. In order to make this possible, we rely heavily on the generosity of individuals, companies, and grantmaking organizations whose donations and support help cover the cost of delivering excellent care.

From the staff, board of directors, volunteers and patients at More Smiles Wisconsin, we offer a sincere thank you to everyone who donates for providing your financial support to those in need.

### 2023 GRANT AND CORPORATE SPONSORS

- Department of Health & Human Services
- Roots & Wings Foundation
- Otto Bremer Trust
- Public Health Madison & Dane County
- Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation
- EPIC
- Henry Schein Cares Global Product Donation Program
- Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation

## Community Updates

The mission of More Smiles Wisconsin has always centered around ensuring access to quality care for underserved populations in and around Dane County. This year the clinic is proud to announce that we will be increasing our community impact by **expanding our programming to include behavioral health**. More Smiles Wisconsin will begin offering services to low-income, Medicaid individuals in mid-2024 as part of our updated mission to provide health-related services beyond dental care.

The clinic will also be increasing its dental impact by **adding an additional treatment room**.

Furthermore, **our services are growing through a partnership with Hometown Smiles, a school-based program** whose goal is to ensure that more children have access to restorative care earlier in life.

Combined, these programs will increase access to care for thousands more individuals, families, and children in need over the upcoming years.

before MSW



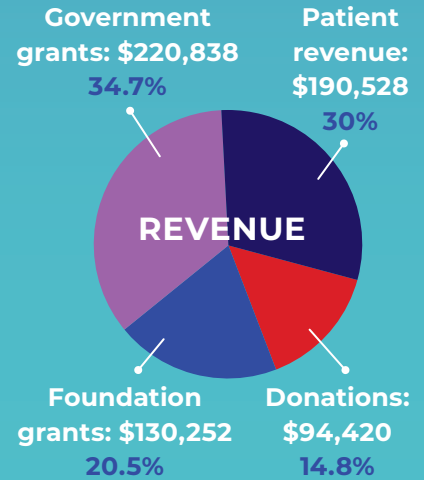
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## MSW NUMBERS



2023  
Operating Revenue  
\$636,038



2023  
Operating Expenses  
\$653,182

