

# Theo's Corner

## His Great Big Smile is Our Reward



*Dr. Richard Hayashi sharing a victory smile with Clint after 7 months of treatment.*

Our partnership for dental health has completed dental treatment for one Austin teen and helped him smile again. In February, the St. David's Dental Program approached Drs. Neeley, Nemeth, and Hayashi to consider accepting one of our referral cases. We saw Clint as an after-school emergency while our vans were at Lanier High.



This is a glimpse of what we saw. →

We called Clint on his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with the news that Dr. Richard Hayashi was willing to offer free dental care in order to restore Clint's entire mouth to a healthy status. But could Clint, an avid skateboarder, have the stamina to sustain several months of treatment and be willing to safeguard his teeth? Was Dr. Hayashi up to the challenge? Here's Hayashi's response:

*"I was honored to represent the Capital Area Dental society in addressing Clint's many dental needs. After an initial exam and prophylaxis appointment, we mapped out a schedule of seven appointments. We also:*

- *educated Clint in dental hygiene,*
- *performed quadrant dentistry*
- *restored 17 teeth*
- *performed a bicuspid root canal*
- *restored 2 teeth with post and cores*
- *porcelain fusion to metal crowns \**
- *fabricated an athletic mouth guard \**

Clint's treatment ended with a 6-month recall prophylaxis to achieve these fantastic final results!



Clint's father was tremendously appreciative for all the dentistry provided.

He shared that, with the loss of his wife and the loss of medical and dental benefits, life was a struggle to maintain a household and raise a teen.

Dr. Hayashi concluded with this reflection of his experience in sharing his skills with those in need: *"I encourage every dentist in the Capital Area Dental Society to take on a patient from the mobile dental program as a way to give back to our community. Together we can make a difference."*

**If you would like to offer extended care for one of our patients in the convenience of your office, please call Michelle at 879-6230.**

*\*Any lab fees incurred are paid by St. David's Dental Program.*

## IT'S A BARBECUE ... JUST FOR YOU!

In appreciation for all the dentists who have volunteered with Theo and the mobile dental program, we invite you to:



**Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**  
**October 29**  
**1:00 – 4:00**  
**Salt Lick at Driftwood**

*Watch for your invitation!*



## **Did you know that October is Children's Health Month?**

In addition to teaching proper brushing habits, our health educator has been alerting parent groups about the dangers of toxic treats and acidic products, such as Lucas and soft drinks. Questions arise, such as, *"Isn't cola OK to drink often because it is made with water?"* We respond, *"You've got to see this website!"*

[www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental](http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental)  
See resource: Soft Drinks & School-Aged Children

