



2025 IMPACT REPORT

Mission

To provide sustainable dental care to people without access to healthcare and improve oral health and overall well-being of individuals and families.

Vision

To create a healthier world where every child and adult has access to the dental care and preventative education they need to smile with confidence.

OVERVIEW



About

Cura Smiles is a nonprofit organization in San Diego, CA, that provides free dental care to people without health insurance or access to dental care. Many Cura Smiles' patients have not visited a dentist in many years, and others have never received care. Lack of proper oral health leads to chronic pain and infections, and oral health conditions worsen over time. Cura Smiles has a dedicated team of 46 volunteer dentists, dental assistants, hygienists, and students. Through the generosity and support of donors and foundations, Cura Smiles has provided over 6,000 free procedures valued at almost \$1.5 million to date. Cura Smiles is committed to providing sustainable dental care and strives to meet the dental needs of our community.

Meet the Team



Thomas Fitzpatrick, DDS
Founder



Christine Passmore
Executive Director



Janet Simpson, RDA, CDA
Clinic Coordinator



Darlene McCarthy, RDAEF
Clinic Coordinator

CURA SMILES PATIENTS

Cura Smiles dental clinic is situated in the vibrant community of City Heights in San Diego CA. Through listening to our patients' stories, we are gaining insights into the underlying factors contributing to their oral health issues. The primary factor is poverty, where oral health takes a back seat to essential needs like rent and groceries. Fear and shame are also significant factors, with some patients visibly trembling during visits or feeling embarrassed and covering their mouths when smiling. Many patients are unaware of the importance of oral hygiene practices like brushing and flossing, nor are they aware of the direct relationship between oral health and overall physical health.

Cura Smiles is committed to overcoming these barriers by welcoming those in need with open arms, providing dental care free of charge and educating our patients about good oral hygiene practices. We strongly believe in providing compassionate care and equipping our patients with the necessary tools and knowledge so they can live healthier, more fulfilling lives.

68%

of our
patients are
unemployed



85%

of our patients
make less than
\$25,000 a year

as many as

32%

of our patients
experience housing
insecurity



PATIENT STORY

Sandra came to us from Kathy's House. Her story of transformation is an incredible one! Having battled with drug addiction, Sandra was arrested at the San Diego-Tijuana border with 100 pounds of methamphetamine. After her son posted her bail, the judge released her to Kathy's House, a Christian organization in San Juan Capistrano that helps people rebuild their lives, including helping them experience freedom from addiction. Sandra experienced a radical, grace-filled transformation with God, and was resolved to plead guilty for her drug conviction. Facing up to 100 months in prison, Sandra stood before the judge and said, "Whether you release me today or sentence me to prison, I have everything I need in Jesus. I know I'm going to be okay." Then came the miracle: the judge decided to spare her from prison. He said that something about her case caused him to review it three times, and he was absolutely convinced that her transformation was real. The team from Kathy's House took her home that day to finish her one-year program.

Shortly after that event, Sandra visited Cura Smiles to begin the process of restoring her smile, and she received her dentures in November, 2025. Sandra said, "I never thought this was gonna happen for me. It makes a difference! Without you, I don't know where I'd be with my teeth. It's changed my life already." Sandra is now living in transitional housing, pays rent, has a part-time job, is not afraid to talk with other people, and says that some people don't even recognize her with her new smile! Whole-life transformations, complete with a restored smile, are why we do what we do. Thank you for investing in patients like Sandra.



EXPANDING IMPACT

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dentures were made in 2025

305

Patients were treated at the Cura Smiles dental clinic.

*23% increase from 2024

*27% of patients received services for the first time



1,870

Procedures were performed for the patient population.

*23.5% increase from 2024



\$513,000

worth of dental procedures were performed free of charge.

*23.6% increase from 2024



1,247

Number of volunteer hours by compassionate dental professionals and students.

46

Dentists, dental hygienists, oral surgeons and dental lab technicians volunteered at the Cura Smiles clinic in 2025. *An increase of 20 volunteers from 2024.

8

Pre-dental students from local universities volunteered throughout 2025 at the Cura Smiles clinic in 2025.



VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

COLLABORATIONS

Cura Smiles collaborated with 25 organizations this year to provide dental care. Called referring partners, these organizations can offer wrap-around services to our patients which ensures that they receive holistic care. Additionally, Cura Smiles raised more than \$485,000 in support of our mission, and experienced an 85.55% increase in gifts from 2024 to 2025. We also hosted our first fundraiser soiree and netted \$25,000.



THANK YOU

As we look ahead, we remain committed to restoring health, hope, and dignity through compassionate, high-quality dental care for those who need it most. We will continue to deepen partnerships, expand access to comprehensive oral health services, and walk alongside our patients and communities so more children and adults can enjoy a lifetime of confident, healthy smiles.



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