



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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Happy Autumn!



It certainly feels like Autumn with the cool evenings and pleasant days. It is that subtle reminder that the end of the year is coming and we need to encourage ourselves to look to plans for the end of the year.

But first of all, we must say a giant **THANK YOU!!!!** to all those who participated in our charity whitening programs. Almost \$9000.00 was raised with our Smiles for Life campaign, where the money is divided equally between Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation and our very own Napa Valley COPE Family Services. For our Molly's Angels campaign, over \$2000.00 was raised. We appreciate your thoughtfulness as you give back to those less fortunate.

HARVESTING HOPE

Coming up is another way to give back and it does not even involve anything dental. For the past several years Valle Verde Dental Building has become an official drop-off site for the Napa Valley Food Bank. We plan to participate again, and we will even reward you for participating. The program is the same as it has been in the past and will begin October 27 and extend through November 20. Please bring in nonperishable foods to be donated to the Napa Food Bank. For each item you bring in, your name will be entered in a drawing for Holiday treats for YOU! Soooo, while you are stocking up for those little goblins who will be knocking on your door for Halloween, pick up some things for the families who may have nothing to put on their dinner table. The Food Bank has told us that the holidays are the time of their heaviest demand and that they are desperately low this year. Whether you have an appointment or not during that time, you will go to the grocery store and for only a few extra dollars, we can share in our blessings with others whose need is great through our



Harvesting Hope Food Drive.

FLYING DOCTORS MISSION TO GUATEMALA

Dr. Fenderson spent a week in the mountains of Guatemala on a Flying Doctors mission.

(www.flyingdocs.org) It was wonderfully rewarding in many ways, but this trip was even more special than usual. Over 16 years ago, on a business trip to Mexico he visited his aunt and met some friends of hers. 14 years ago he received a letter from a man who was a friend of his aunt's friends and who was to start his senior year of medical school, but because of his family's financial situation and some emergency surgery he needed, had no funds to finish his medical training. After some investigation through the medical school, Dr. Fenderson decided to financially help this student finish his education. After years of correspondence, 5 years ago Dr. F and Cesar lost touch. 10 days before Dr. F left for Guatemala, he was able to find Cesar's email, sent him a note, and within days Cesar had obtained passports for his children and had determined that instead of the vacation his family had planned, he and his wife who is a nurse and their 2 children would go to Guatemala and help with the Flying Doctor's mission. For the first time the 2 men were able to meet and share in person. Cesar also thrilled Dr. F's heart when he told him that he was now supporting 2 children as they attended college in a "pay it forward" plan.



ANOTHER MISSION THIS YEAR



Our office will be closed for the week of September 29 and October 13. Each team member has their own plans for this well-deserved autumn break. Dr. Fenderson and Jeannie and their daughter, Tiffany, will be traveling to India where they will spend 5 days touring and 7 days doing dentistry in an orphanage. (www.karunasharan.org) We will have pictures when we return so drop by the office to see them. Dr.



Fenderson will have very competent dentists on call for your emergencies.

Being away the first 2 weeks in October and with the upcoming holiday times when the office is closed for our team to spend time with their families, our schedule gets very busy. If you have been delaying care because _____ (You fill in the blank!), now is the time to call and get that appointment time reserved just for you. If you have unfinished care and unused insurance, that is especially urgent. We want your holidays to be fun and stress free as much as possible and a sudden, screaming toothache can really disrupt plans. Also, if you have young adults who will be returning for the holidays and they are due for a cleaning or exam, get their schedule and reserve our time now as we will be closed part of that time and so the time slots are limited.

We wish you a wonderful autumn season as nature dresses herself for the holidays.