THE GATHERING PLACE
DENTAL CLINIC
PRESENTED BY: DR. LINDA BLAKEY
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- Local representative for the Canadian Dental Association.

- Chair for the Outreach Committee with Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association (NLDA).

- Linda’s work within the Outreach Committee has made her a leader with The Gathering Place Dental Clinic project.
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• Initially in 2018, the NLDA and the Salvation Army came together to begin working towards a dental clinic to care for those who tend to fall between the cracks within our system.

• At the same time, the Gathering Place had been making plans for a dental clinic in their facility as well. They approached the NLDA for assistance going forward.

• Information about the Gathering Place: https://kindnesswanted.ca/
DENTAL CLINIC DEVELOPMENT

• With the help of The Gathering Place and NLDA member, Dr. Stewart Gillies, the development and implementation of this clinic began.

• An Outreach Committee to assist with all outreach programs was created within the NLDA.

• Dr. Linda Blakey became the chair of that committee.
PROGRAM FUNDING

• The Gathering Place had additional space that was perfect for the clinic.

• A local business man offered a large donation to pay for the clinic’s equipment and supplies.

• NLDA members also donated components for the clinic.
The Gathering Place has hired a full time administrative/dental assistant for the clinic.

Through collaboration from NLDA and Government, The Gathering Place has their own institution number so that MCP can be billed appropriately.

The Dental Clinic is now self-funded through MCP billings.
• Dentists have been asked to volunteer their time at this Dental Clinic and have graciously done so.

• In addition to dentists volunteering their time, the entire oral health profession has come together to support this project.

• The Dental Clinic is open 3 days a week and there is always a team of dentists, hygienists, and assistants ready to help.
GUESTS

• This clinic is intended to help the Guests of The Gathering Place.

• This is not a free clinic to the public.

• Any and all services that we provide are free to The Gathering Place Guests.

• There are currently 2,000+ Guests.
SERVICES PROVIDED

• Many Guests have multiple oral health issues.
• Services are provided to individuals who have been Guests of The Gathering Place for at least one year.
• Dentists will provide an exam and x-rays to develop a treatment plan for each patient we see.
• The Gathering Place dental clinic is equipped to do exams, extractions, fillings, dentures and scalings (cleanings)
NEW SERVICES

- The Canadian International Dentist Foundation (CIDF) has recently donated a panoramic x-ray machine.

The NLDA has made an arrangement with a local lab for dentures.
  - Dentures will be supplied for a significantly lower cost thanks to Dental Crafts Ltd.
QUESTIONS?
ACCREDITATION CANADA

Qmentum 2020 Journey
- Governance and leadership
- Infection, Prevention and Control, Medication Management
- Service Excellence
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM BASED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

INTEGRATION OF PRIMARY CARE WITH OTHER SOCIAL AND HEALTH CENTRES

HEALTH PROMOTION ACROSS COLLABORATIVE PARTNER CENTRES

ACTIONS IN SOCIAL DETERMINANTS THROUGH INTERSECTORAL COLLABORATION

ENGAGEMENT OF GUEST DEMOGRAPHICS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL PLANNING
The Gathering Place Community Health Centre Committed to:

- Person centered care and integrated care
- Improved systems capacity embedded in community, local assets and partnerships
- Multidisciplinary team-based care through a coordinated and integrated model
- Preventative and anticipatory care
- Support informed and empowered guests
- Data driven with defined outcome metrics
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