



We Are One Newsletter



Mobile Dental Clinic Project San Felipe, Dominican Republic

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Mobile Dental Clinic Is Ready

Not uncommon with large and complex Rotary Foundation Global Grant projects, delays occur. The conversion of the purchased truck took longer than expected and the design of placing noisy utilities in the back of the truck needed redesign to place the generator, compressor and water pump under the chassis. Delays with the company which converted the truck were resolved by Sodhadesa. Also, actual shipment costs were higher than the budget as well as unanticipated destination port charges in Santo Domingo. However, lower than budgeted other cost items helped to make up the difference along with a generous donor. Shipment of a container load of dental equipment was successfully readied and packed into a 20 foot shipping container with the help of Rotary volunteers.

Contributing Clubs

District 7910 Rotary Clubs - MA:

Acton/Boxborough; Billerica; Brookline; Concord; Fitchburg East; Fitchburg; Framingham; Hudson; Littleton; Marlboro; Montachusett Area; Watertown; Westford; Westwood;

Boston University Interact Club

District 7980: CT Club

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District 7450: PA Clubs

Haverford Township; West Chester; Conshohocken Plymouth Whitmarsh; Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn

Rotary District 4060: Dominican Rep.

With the expertise and help of Dana Gray, an honorary member of R/C Nashoba Valley, we packed the container with wood shoring that safely supported the 28 boxes and 7 pallets of dental equipment, supplies and dental chairs. A detailed inventory of all dental materials listed over 300 item categories covering 15 pages. The loading was completed in under three hours and our current President, Jim Stone, helped load the boxes.

Shipping

With a sealed lock on the shipping container, it began its journey to San Felipe with a trip to the New Jersey container port and then on to a container ship headed for the port of Haina just outside of Santo Domingo. After, three weeks of travel all arrived without a scratch!!



The Mobile Dental Clinic is Now Completed

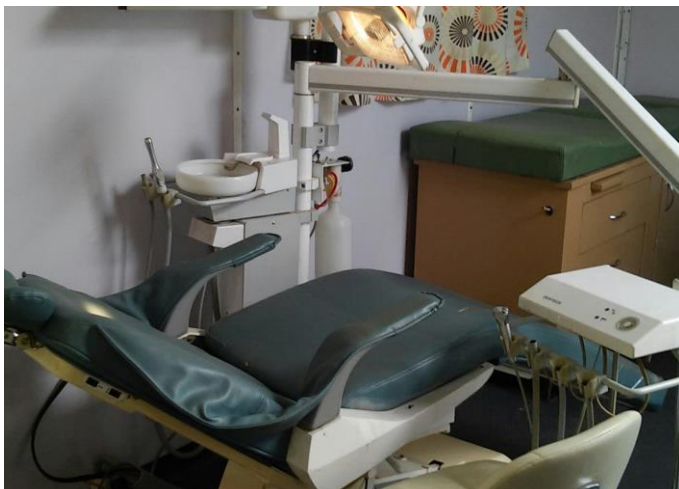
Outfitting the MDC

Outfitting and converting the 18 foot box truck into a Mobile Dental Clinic began shortly after the purchase of the truck in the Dominican Republic in 2014. First, some repairs on the used truck were done in a shop to assure that the brakes, electrical and hydraulic systems were in tip top shape. Then construction of the interior began including the floor, walls and ceiling. Next, the generator, air compressor for the dental equipment and water supply were installed and tested. Cabinets were locally crafted and installed. Finally, the dental chairs and examination lights were installed. Signage identifying the MDC were placed all over the vehicle. Dr. Compere is now completing plans with the local schools to begin operations and that will be the subject of the next newsletter.



Rotary Club of West Chester PA Provided Additional Funding

Thanks to the Rotary Club of West Chester PA, District 7450, and Cristina Combee, the club's International Chair, for their generous funding of an additional \$3,000 to help purchase digital radiography sensors. The Sirona Dental Company donated 50% of the cost of both adult and child dental sensors and related equipment and software. These sensors and the laptop computer enables fast and efficient x rays of children's teeth for follow up care. This eliminates the time and effort needed with film x rays.



About the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley

Serving Lancaster, Bolton, and Stow, we welcome all guests and prospective members. Join us at a meeting!

1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month: Breakfast meetings in Bolton, MA at Colonial Candies

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month: Sunset meetings in Stow, MA at Nancy's Airfield Cafe

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