



Manos de Cristo Dental Center Austin, Texas

Program Overview

The Manos de Cristo Dental Center is a low-fee, bilingual, nonprofit dental center in Austin that provides high-quality services to children, adults, and seniors. The organization is committed to empowering low-income individuals by promoting dignity and self-reliance.

Program History and Development



Manos de Cristo opened in 1988 to provide treatment and basic dental services to low-income populations in Austin, Texas. The program was founded by Reverend Frank Diaz and Roland Castaneda after noticing a need for dental care among low-income young men, who often waited up to six months for dental care at the local hospital.

In 1990, the organization opened a stand-alone dental clinic on the central east side of Austin. Manos continued to extend its reach by offering food and clothing provisions, a back-to-school program, legal aid, and classes in computer literacy, citizenship, and English. In 2013, the clinic expanded its capacity to serve more individuals by moving from the four-chair treatment rooms in east Austin to an 11-chair dental center in central Austin.

Program Sustainability

- Manos de Cristo Dental Center is supported by St. David's Foundation, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Health Foundation, the Andre & Lilian A. Posey Foundation, and other individuals, corporations, churches, and foundations.
- The program is almost entirely supported by private donations.
- The entire Manos de Cristo program had over 800 volunteers in 2014.
- Manos de Cristo Dental Center has been in operation since 1990.
- The Grin & Share It program for Manos de Cristo supporters began in 2014 and provides a dedicated website for annual supporters to donate and share impact stories of individuals helped by the organization.

Program Impact

- In 2014, Manos de Cristo Dental Center provided more than 13,493 appointments and 49,791 dental procedures. In total, the dental care provided in 2014 was worth \$2,771,579.
- Manos de Cristo Dental Center was voted one of 2015's best Austin, Texas dentistry practices on Opencare.com.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: <http://www.manosdecristo.org/dental>



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Program Features

Note: A checked box below indicates an existing program feature.

Age	Service Delivery Model	Dental and Oral Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18-60 (Adult) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60+ (Older Adult)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting) <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile-portable model <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination) <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual model (e.g. telehealth) <input type="checkbox"/> Event-based model <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and education model	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screenings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleanings <input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride varnish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sealants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-rays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fillings <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling/root planing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extractions <input type="checkbox"/> Oral surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Root canals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentures, partials, relines, repairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowns <input type="checkbox"/> Bridges <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics
Specific Populations	Staffing	Other Program Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with physical disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with low income <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with no dental insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees/immigrants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Dental/dental hygiene students <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing staff <input type="checkbox"/> Community health workers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dental clinical staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-clinical staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referrals to dental and oral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Care coordination/care management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient education <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver education <input type="checkbox"/> Provider education <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/coalition
Geography	Payment for Care	Integration with Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> No charge to client <input type="checkbox"/> Sliding fee scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out of pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial dental insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical services <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Vision services <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy services <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Translation services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services
Service Delivery Setting	Program Funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/safety net clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Private dental office <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care facility <input type="checkbox"/> Senior center/community center <input type="checkbox"/> Private residence <input type="checkbox"/> Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foundation/organization grant <input type="checkbox"/> Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)	

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