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2012 CALENDAR



CHANGE A **SMILE**  
CHANGE A **LIFE**

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## Our history

Nestled in the hot, arid mountains of Guatemala's western highlands lies the remote municipality of Comitancillo. Its population of some 80,000 is among the poorest and historically most oppressed in the country. Comitancillo's people had survived harsh climate, privation and 37 years of civil war, and it was to this place that in the Spring of 1995, Dr. Dennis Bedard and his daughter Nicole travelled. With nothing more than a case of anesthetic and handful of forceps, they brought dental care to those who had, in many cases, never seen a dentist before. That first trip, in partnership with a nursing group from Edmonton, led to the formation of The Society for Third World Dental Care.



# HISTORY

## Dentistry For All

Fast forward 17 years, 35 missions, 15,000 patients and 40,000 procedures to today's Dentistry For All (DFA). As the inheritor of Dr. Bedard's legacy, we have travelled to The Philippines, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, and sent over 300 volunteers to bring dental care to some of the poorest, most remote communities in these countries. In partnership with regional development organizations, local NGOs, dental organizations, university programs and countless dental equipment and supply companies, we continue to deliver the highest quality of care to people who have often never so much as seen a dentist.



# 2011 SUMMARY

## How we operate

We are a non-profit, 100% volunteer-run and supported organization dedicated to providing dental education, preventative, surgical and restorative care to developing communities around the world. Our volunteers cover the cost of their own travel, while fundraising assists in purchase of necessary equipment, supplies, sponsorships and other expenses related to our missions.

## A snapshot of our work

In every town we visit, every location we return to, we are greeted with waiting lists and overnight line-ups – all people waiting for the dental care DFA provides; dental care they would otherwise never receive. It's a humbling experience to know that for these people, this is the one and only chance a year they'll be able to have a sore tooth fixed or removed, or have their child's teeth checked and cleaned. Though we treated over 1100 people over our most recently completed 5-week mission in Guatemala, we left thousands behind untreated. A difficult thing to accept each year, and the reason we keep returning.

## Dentistry For All in 2011

March 11th 2011 marked the end of 2011's 5 week Guatemala mission and our most productive annual cycle since the Bedard's first travelled to Guatemala. In total, our members completed four volunteer dental journeys in a 12 month period – a herculean accomplishment.

The mission roster included 3 tours of Guatemala, and a fourth tour in Nicaragua - a total of 14 weeks of volunteer dental service in Central America. Over that time period, almost 100 volunteers worked long and difficult days to perform 9629 procedures on 3145 patients, almost half of them children.

## You can help

Our school prevention and education program in Comitancillo alone serves over 3000 children , and our Comitancillo Community Clinic is able to treat up to 200 patients per month. When our entire team is present, we will see twice that in just one week.

As such, we are continually looking to recruit new volunteers to work with DFA – dentists & specialists, assistants, hygienists, and non dental volunteers to help with equipment maintenance, clinic operations, and sterilization.

And of course, we are always in need of funds to finance our programs and missions. Your contribution is eligible for a tax receipt, and we host various fundraising events throughout the year to assist in continuing our projects throughout the developing world.

“On behalf of the many people we serve, I invite you to join my wife Danni and I, our team of dedicated dentists, technicians and volunteers in helping make dentistry for some... to dentistry for all.”

Brad & Danni Krusky, Dentistry For All





# SONREIR

"DFA does so much more than dentistry. They support communities in a sustainable way, year after year. DFA was one of the highlights of my Peace Corps service. For many community members, it continues to be a vital service, and has improved their lives immeasurably."

*Daniel Rabkin, former U.S. Peace Corp. Volunteer, San Francisco, CA*

January

2012



SMILE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16  Martin Luther King Day (U.S.)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>DECEMBER 2011</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>		<p>FEBRUARY 2012</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29</p>	





# REIRSE

“It was a unique, exhilarating experience and one filled with pride and appreciation for the devotion and hard work of all involved. It is a valuable lesson in understanding how fortunate we are to be living in comfortable surroundings and having access to some of the best living conditions in the world.”

*Don Krusky, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*

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February

2012



LAUGH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Groundhog Day	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday (U.S.)	13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day (U.S.)	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			





# CAMBIAR

"Once you have been to Guatemala with DFA, you never really leave.  
Know what I mean?"

*Kara Moscovich, Volunteer, Seattle, WA.*



# March 2012



# CHANGE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	APRIL 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Saving Time spring forward one hour						St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



# TOCAR

"Rarely in life are there opportunities where the gift of giving is outweighed by the gift of self enrichment...DFA is one of those opportunities."

*Katy Bednar, Volunteer, Boston, MA.*

# April 2012



**TOUGH**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <small>Good Friday (Canada)</small>	14
<small>Easter Sunday</small>	<small>Easter Monday (Canada)</small>					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<p>MARCH 2012</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>		<p>MAY 2012</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>		





# AYUDAR

"It's obvious that we humans pretty much want the same basic things from life. Care and provisions for our families, safety and security and good health. The difference is the extraordinary lengths that the Guatemalan people that this mission serve go to to acquire what for us is ordinary. So in a word? Perspective."

*Jo-Anne Dicken, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*

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# May 2012



# HELP

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Victoria Day (Canada)					
27	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day (U.S.)					





# ENSEÑAR

“My first experience with DFA came at a difficult time in my life...and the experience helped me grow as a person. In Comitancillo I worked with some of the most caring, genuine, and hard-working people I had ever met – we worked hard as a team to treat as many as we could – I was inspired and warmed to see such a passion to help others. The smiles on our patients faces made all the hard work pale in comparison. I have been back twice since and don't ever want to stop going...I'm involved with DFA forever.”

*Breanna Rybak, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*

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# June 2012



TEACH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day (U.S.)	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



# ESPERANZA



"When I volunteered for Dentistry For All, I felt so blessed being able to give something to people who are truly in need...it is easy to see how thankful they are simply looking into their eyes."

*Robyn Lindenbach, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*



# July 2012



# HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <small>Canada Day (Canada)</small>	2	3	4 <small>Independence Day (U.S.)</small>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>JUNE 2012</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>		<p>AUGUST 2012</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	





# INSPIRAR

"Although supporters of DFA for many years, 2010 was the first opportunity I had to participate with the work that DFA does on the ground. With my wife Michelle working at my chairside the first trip I made that year moved us and changed our world. It put our lives into perspective, big problems became small. Small problems became a pleasure."

*Dr. J. Blake Sinclair, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*

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August

2012



INSPIRE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SEPTEMBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	





# CREAR

"The need of the people we treated in Guatemala was vast, overwhelming at times, but seeing the smiles on the childrens faces, or the gratitude expressed by a tender hand of a grandmother made every moment rich with purpose. We may not be able to do it all, but we work hard each and every year making a huge difference in both their lives and ours."

*Michelle Sinclair, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*

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September

2012



CREATE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	Labor Day (U.S.) Labour Day (Canada)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



# RENOVAR

"I have been fortunate to volunteer with many organizations, but the passion and commitment that a DFA volunteer brings is one that is unparalleled. When you leave Comi you realize that the work we have accomplished is but a fraction of what we are capable of contributing."

*Katy Bednar, Volunteer, Boston, MA.*

October

2012



RENEW

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8  Columbus Day (U.S.) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  Halloween	NOVEMBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		





# MEJORAR

"I think it's good that my Mom is volunteering to help people in need because it's so sad to see all the kids who can't brush their teeth or have as much toys as we do. I have helped them too by getting my class to raise money to help when they had an earthquake. It felt good. I really want to go to Guatemala too cause I want to be able to play with kids there and see what their lives are like."

*Libby (10 years old), Daughter of Volunteer, Seattle, WA.*

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# November

# 2012



# IMPROVE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Saving Time fall back one hour						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veterans Day (U.S.) Remembrance Day (Canada)						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	





# AMAR

"My time in Guatemala was a soul touching experience. The way Dentistry for All has recognized and responded to a need in a people is truly wondrous. I am honored to have been a part of it."

*Brad Larson, Volunteer, Calgary, AB.*

December

2012



LOVE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2012

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

JANUARY 2013

1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day (Canada)				

SUNSTAR





January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December

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Changing lives through dental education, prevention, and corrective treatment.  
We donate our time and services, freely give our experience and knowledge  
to others who are not able to access care

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