



## Summer 2019 Newsletter

Our mission is to close the gap in the crisis of access to dental care through quality clinics which treat any individual who has put off dental care due to financial, physical or educational hardship. In light of long standing data which shows that oral health has a large impact on general medical and psychological health, our goal is to restore hope, health and opportunity in our communities. We do not accept insurance and do not compete with private practice dentistry or government community healthcare, rather exist to fill the gap of patients who fall into neither of those categories.

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[Our Story](#)

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**Thank you for your support!**



***104 volunteer hours in 2019 so far!***



***1,225 patient care visits provided in 2019 so far!***

**Want to volunteer?** Contact [outreachdirector@affordablesmiles.org](mailto:outreachdirector@affordablesmiles.org).

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## THANK YOU! Your support is changing lives.



### Alma's Story:

Alma was born and raised here in Madison. When she was 12, her family, including a newborn baby sister, suffered homelessness and lived in a car for a year. Alma became a major contributor to her family's survival at age 14 when she began formally working. By the grace of many moving parts, especially her mom and high school social worker, she graduated high school. She now works full time and attends college full time with aspirations to be a social worker herself. We met Alma this year by way of a skateboarding accident. While in Urgent Care, Alma was devastated to find out that she no longer had Badger Care; she had to pay out of pocket and also needed immediate dental attention for tooth trauma. Thank you, Alma, for sharing your story and letting us be a part of your journey! You inspire!

[Watch Alma tell her story](#)

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### Human Trafficking & Dentistry



On July 18th, we filled the beautiful Wyndham Garden Hotel in Madison with 65 dental professionals to talk about something we wish we didn't have to. And yet, as care providers, we have a moral and ethical obligation to. Emotions ranged from anger and disgust to thankfulness and empowerment as we learned to recognize the signs of human trafficking and actively create protocols in our clinics to be ready to help. Thank you to our sponsors and speakers!

[Learn more about our events](#)

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## Coming up....

### Madison Marathon

Sunday, November 10th

Join our 2nd annual Team ADC Madison Marathon fundraiser!

#### Join as a runner:

**Step 1:** Register for the half or full marathon at the Madison Marathon website linked below.

**Step 2:** Email [krysta@affordablesmiles.org](mailto:krysta@affordablesmiles.org) and tell her you are registered and ready to join the team!

**Step 3:** Share the news (and the "Donate to a runner" page linked below) with friends and family so they can sponsor your miles!

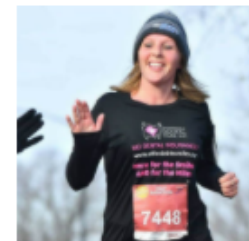
**Step 4:** Run in your cool new ADC gear!



#### Join as a corporate sponsor:

**Step 1:** Email [krysta@affordablesmiles.org](mailto:krysta@affordablesmiles.org).

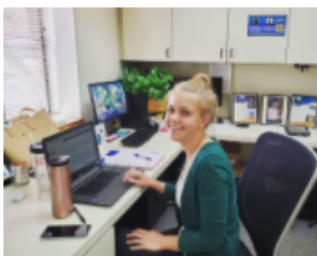
**Step 2:** Fill out the corporate sponsorship form Krysta sends you and return it to her.



[Madison Marathon official page](#)

[Donate to a runner](#)

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### Welcome to our newest team member!

Sylvie Hauser is serving as our outreach director for one year through the AmeriCorps Vista program. She is originally from Sturgeon Bay, WI, and holds a BA in Political Science / International Relations from Carleton College.

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