



Hope for Healthcare: SLO Noor Newsletter

Save the Date



This year's SLO Greek Festival takes place on June 1 and 2, 2019 and has offered to donate a portion of its proceeds to the SLO Noor Foundation! Click the link to follow on Facebook for more information and updates! Opa!▲

[Event Here](#)

We're on the Lookout



The SLO Noor Foundation Board of Directors has two new openings. If you or someone you know has fundraising, business, and/or marketing experience and wants to serve on our board, please email Executive Assistant, Rebecca for consideration.▲

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Breaking New Ground: Our First Dental Saturday



We've all had them, or at least most of us: the small toothache that starts off as a bit of a nuisance and eventually escalates into a concern requiring a trip to the dentist next week. Although those cavity fillings may seem a bit of a weekday chore, they're integral to maintain [not only oral health, but your body's health overall](#). Of course, the question isn't always about whether or not you should seek dental treatment. For those without dental insurance, it's often whether or not access to treatment is even possible.

As you may have heard once or twice from us, [healthcare costs and access are a great concern to most Americans](#).

If medical insurance costs are worrisome,
then dental insurance, for many, is impossible.

In fact, the rate of those without dental insurance is [over twice](#) as much as those without medical insurance, turning that trip to the dentist into an out-of-pocket financial burden. What's more, for the working individual, taking that time off during a work week could be as simple as leaving a note on your desk or as [complicated as filing a doctor's note, leaving without sick pay, and re-budgeting the entire month](#). When factoring in both the cost of care and the cost of taking time off, [many decide to forgo treatment in order to afford rent or groceries](#).



Looking at these facts can sometimes leave a sense of hopelessness, but that's not always the case. This is why we want to send our greatest thanks to Dr. Lapidus and Dr. Ackerman, who took their Saturday morning to treat the SLO Noor Foundation's dental patients. For the first time, our dental clinic was bustling during the sleepy weekend, staffed with a team of dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants.

With their time and expertise,
the dental team treated a total 14 uninsured
patients in a single Saturday morning.



At the SLO Noor Foundation, we like to champion those like Dr. Lapidus, Dr. Ackerman, and their dental team, whose generosity and initiative yield real-world results.

It's that kind of thinking that made the SLO Noor Foundation and its dental clinic what they are today. If you're unaware, here's some background: the SLO Noor dental clinic was result of the collaborative efforts of both Dr. Ahmad Nooristani and Dr. Ron Barbieri. Their vision was met with great support and no little effort made by numerous doctors, dentists, and community members who saw a need and wanted to help. Collectively, the group was able to collect funds, gather equipment donations,

and build the SLO Noor Foundation's dental clinic, which opened its doors in 2014.

Today, the SLO Noor Foundation dental clinic is going strong, open four days a week to give uninsured residents a dental "home" where they can receive regular treatment, cleanings, and oral health education. We believe the dental clinic is proof that a feet-on-the-ground mentality and the support from this community can make a difference and still do, as shown by our first ever SLO Noor Foundation Saturday dental team: Dr. Lapidus, Dr. Ackerman, Dani Copp, Ashley Thorton, Amy Sheline, Nancy Morales, Deena Dana, and Liz Cofer.

We plan to continue on this path of progress, and anticipate more dental

Saturdays to come because this community has already shown that it has what it takes to better the lives of those in need. And though our country as a whole has a lot of work ahead to improve its health and wellbeing, together, that change can start here. ▲

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