

DR. BRETT BARZEE

Dr. Brett Barzee's career as a dental practitioner could have led him in many different directions. However, his passion for helping others who are less fortunate brought him to the Social Welfare Board's dental clinic.

"I can make more of a difference here than perhaps anywhere else," Barzee said.

For 11 years, Barzee has provided fillings, done extractions, fixed prosthetics and dentures and conducted root canals for Buchanan County residents whose incomes fall below 200% of the federal poverty level. Performing more than 9,000 procedures a year, Barzee said he remembers it's not a "me" effort, but rather a "we" effort.

"I think being busy and having lots of patients, when we start to get a little tired or worn out it just reminds us of how needed we are and how grateful people are that we are here to serve them," Barzee said.

The Social Welfare Board's dental clinic is providing the only consistent low-cost dental care in Buchanan County. Barzee said those who walk through the door are usually in pain and haven't mustered the confidence to smile in a long time, which opens the door of opportunity to change that.

"To help someone regain the self-confidence that comes from restoring their smile is very rewarding and motivates us to keep going," he said.

— Jacob Meikel | News-Press NOW



The Clinic Beat

Our Mission

To promote and provide quality healthcare to the underserved population residing in the City of St. Joseph and Buchanan County in a safe, respectful and compassionate manner.

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2021 Highlights:

- Dr. Barzee selected as 20 Who Count for 2021!
- Completed a 3—year strategic plan; new plan rolling out in January 22'
- Recognized with NCQA as a patient centered medical home;
- All staff have completed the trauma informed care training; rolling out ACE questionnaire with patients in 22' (Adverse Childhood Questionnaire)
- Completed federal audit with high marks for the Westside Clinic.
- Held staff retreat in October';
- The agency is involved with 3 national quality improvement efforts: (Amedicare; Project Finish Line and Road Map to Health Equity)

A heartfelt thank you to ALL who help fulfill the mission of the Social Welfare Board: Staff, volunteers, board members, the City and Buchanan County, donors, Mosaic, Friends of the Free Clinic and our LifeChangers!

December 2021 Dental Clinic	Scheduled Appointments	Appointments Kept	Walk-ins	Referrals to SWB Emergency Clinic	Referrals to ER or other*	Total Seen	Value of Dental Services Rendered
Dental	273	205	72	23	0	261	\$87,149.26
December 2021 Medical & Westside Clinic	Scheduled Appointments	Appointments Kept	Walk-ins	Referrals to Other Clinics	Referrals to ER	Total Seen	Total Capacity
Medical	549	350	49	15	0	413	546
Westside	252	166	13	0	0	180	320
\$ Value of Miscellaneous Donated items:							\$1,200.00
AmeriCares & Direct Relief							\$43,657.89
Utilities/Rent							\$6,833.33
Medical Professionals							\$33,550.00
Value of Specialty Physician Referrals							\$57,400.00
Total Value of All in-kind and donated goods & services: (including dental)							\$229,790.48
December 2021 Medications dispensed this month with a wholesale market value of \$518,766.33				Total Value Saved Mosaic through averted ER Visits: \$ 147,300.00			
				Formula: 50% of dental walk-ins +100% of Dental Emergency Clinic+80% Medical Walk-ins) x \$1500			
				\$1500 is the average cost of Emergency Room Visit			

Total Value Saved Mosaic through averted ER Visits for the past 6 months:

July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	Total
\$137,50.00	\$128,550.00	\$142,350.00	\$138,300.00	\$127,800.00	\$147,300.00	\$821,800.00