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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

AAWD celebrates 100 years of women in dentistry!



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The Smiles for Success Foundation is seeking volunteer dentists near Austin, Texas to work with Empowering Women out of Prison program. Their mission begins inside the prison system with a rigorous application and screening process of eligible women in the prison. Currently all women incarcerated in Texas are invited to apply. The application process is in-depth, including details of past life decisions, desire for transformation, plans for reentry and an expressed need to change. Executive volunteers and EWOP staff conduct applicant interviews and then a scoring system is used to determine participants. All participants must have a high school diploma or completed their GED. Successful applicants must demonstrate the necessary intellect and a willingness to learn, grow as a person and transform their lives.

For more information, send an email to: info@smilesforsuccess.org

I'm sure I'm not the only one that can say they LOVE being a dentist. Looking back on my dental school days I never thought I'd ever be to the point that I was excited to be at work treating patients. As time has passed I've embraced the daily struggles of being a healthcare provider and business owner and that's helped me to find more joy in the day-to-day. For a long time I struggled to find ways to share that joy and give back to my local community. In dental school I participated with the Smiles for Success Foundation through my student AAWD chapter and it was a great experience. Treating "Smiles" patients (that's what we called them) was an opportunity to work closely with faculty and upperclassmen to take care of a population that really needed care. Unfortunately as an associate I was unable to continue this care and went years without participating.

In 2019 when I bought my office I knew I wanted to be involved again. This timing aligned perfectly with the revitalization of the Smiles for Success Foundation. I began treating my first "Smiles" patient earlier this year. Ms. Andrews came to me from the Marian House in Baltimore, a program to help women with job training and life skills to reenter the workforce. After a thorough workup we had a plan in place - Ms. Andrews would need a full mouth debridement, prophyl, fillings, FPD and RPD treatment to treat gingivitis, caries, and edentulism. We had our work cut out for us but she was committed. Ms. Andrews never missed an appointment, although she relies on public transportation she not only made her appointments but arrived early. She took our advice on nutrition and homecare to heart and greatly improved the overall health of her mouth. I'm so proud to say she started a new job a few months ago and is thriving. I can't help but smile when I see her, she has made so much progress both in her oral condition and in life this year. As a bonus, Ms. Andrews now has dental insurance and will be staying on as a comprehensive care patient!



Dr. Bergeron & Ms. Andrews





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from AAWD in
2022?

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is a good value?

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