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Spring 2011

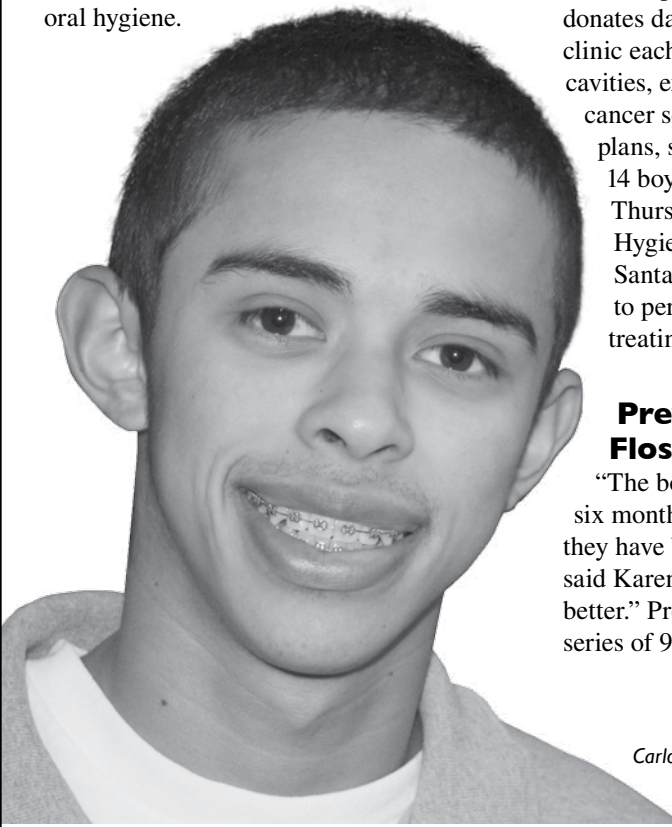
MILES OF SMILES

Hanna's Dental Program Brightens Lives

"I am writing this letter to thank you for the root canal." A dentist could enjoy a long and lustrous career without ever reading that sentence – unless, of course, he or she treats Hanna students.

That's because many of the boys who come to Hanna have received poor nutrition and irregular if any health care. Some have never had their teeth professionally cleaned or examined. After years of neglect, receiving proper treatment – even the scary kind – can be a transformational experience.

Hanna's medical program includes an on-campus health center and cooperative relationships with area physicians across a wide range of specialties. In particular, the dental program is supported by more than 35 professionals who offer pro-bono services and equipment that help the boys overcome severe tooth decay and other problems and learn proper oral hygiene.



Carlos is one of six Hanna boys currently receiving pro-bono orthodontic care.

Campus Clinic: The Root of Care

"The boys are always very thankful and well-behaved, even if they're nervous," said Karen Faustino, Hanna's dental clinic coordinator. She manages a facility within the health center that includes two operatories, a darkroom for processing x-rays, and a sterilization room. She interviews every new resident, reviews any available dental history, schedules required appointments with dentists and hygienists, tracks his treatment while at Hanna, and keeps parents informed.

"Orthodontia, root canals, and oral surgeries have to be performed off-campus, but we try to schedule most other appointments on campus to minimize time out of school," Karen said. "A clinic appointment lasts 45 minutes, but a trip to Santa Rosa can consume half a day."

To help out, a network of area dentists donates days and half days to the Hanna clinic each month, performing exams, filling cavities, extracting teeth, conducting oral cancer screenings, and writing treatment plans, sometimes seeing as many as 14 boys in one session. On most Thursdays, students from the Dental Hygiene Associate Degree program at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) arrive to perform cleanings and take x-rays, treating about 50 boys each month.

Prevention: Floss, Floss, Floss

"The boys have their teeth cleaned every six months or every three to four months if they have braces, and get x-rays every year," said Karen. "And they *always* need to floss better." Preventive care includes a running series of 90-minute oral-hygiene seminars

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Soccer team co-captains Ernie (left) and Rodrick celebrate with Father Crews.

Note from Father Crews

In the same weeks that the San Francisco Giants were making World Series history, Hanna was making sports history of its own. At the end of October, our soccer team – in its first season as a varsity squad for Archbishop Hanna High School – won both the Small School Bridge League Tournament and League Championship. In early November, in its first year of eligibility, the team then competed in the North Coast Section Playoffs, finishing the season with a stellar 16-3-1 record.

Those results are even more impressive when you consider that this was only the second season for Coach Travis Curtis and that a third of his starters had never played competitive soccer before arriving at Hanna. They competed regularly against teams a division or even two ahead of them, against schools with 600 or 900 students. And they did it all with a soccer field designed for elementary-school youngsters, not high-school athletes, one with no viewing stands, one ineligible to host home playoff games.

Now imagine our varsity soccer team playing on its new regulation field this fall. According to Coach Curtis, the team's few 2010 losses occurred in large venues away from home, primarily because the boys never practiced on a full-size field, a huge disadvantage.

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Note from Father Crews continued

Picture our boys starting a home game with as many as 300 fellow students, family members, and other fans cheering them from the stands. You can see the boys' stride lengthen and their shoulders straighten, feel their wounds heal and their confidence grow.

As our campus improvements take shape and the occupancy of new buildings draws near, I think less about the challenges of the construction process itself and more about how the new facilities will enhance Center life and program effectiveness. Our soccer team's success is just one example of how hard our boys work and how motivated they are to make the most of what Hanna has to offer.

Just think what they can achieve when the campus we have to offer reflects what they have earned.

John S Crews

Rev. John S. Crews, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Campus Development Campaign Tops \$3 Million

With each passing week, the first phase of Hanna's new construction moves closer to completion. Even though the "Spreading Our Wings" Campus Development Campaign is less than a year old, nearly 100 generous individual donors and several foundations have given more than \$3 million to support the Center's first capital initiative since the campus was established in 1949.

But there's still a long way to go!

The current project requires a total of \$15 million. That amount includes \$600,000 for the enhanced and realigned entrance, \$3.8 million for the Admissions and Alumni Center, \$1.9 million for the multi-use soccer field, \$900,000 for the baseball field, \$5.1 million for the Multi-Use Auditorium, and a \$2.7 million operational endowment for the reopened Notre Dame Cottage.

You can help support this much-needed transformation. To donate or learn more, contact Kris Van Giesen at 707-933-2520 or kvangiesen@hannacenter.org. ●



Construction continues on Hanna's new facilities, including the 7,800-square-foot Admissions and Alumni Center and 8,950-square-foot Multi-Use Auditorium.

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that show 15 to 18 boys per session proper techniques for brushing and flossing and explain how diet and tobacco use affect oral health.



Hanna's dental clinic includes two fully equipped operatories so local dentists can provide routine treatment without boys having to leave campus.

About 10 boys each month have off-campus dental appointments for orthodontic care, root canals, and oral surgery to remove wisdom teeth, a common need for teenagers. Explained Karen, "Age 15 to 16 is the ideal time to have the teeth extracted, before problems start." And several times a year, Hanna takes 20 or more boys up to SRJC, where second-year hygiene students under instructor supervision apply preventive sealants to fill the surface pits and fissures where cavities take hold.

Braces: A Golden Opportunity

"Even though it's only been a few days, I now know that braces really are life changing," wrote Jordan, a Hanna student, to his orthodontist.

In fact, lots of Hanna boys would love to have orthodontic care, and lots of them need it. But not all of them qualify. Because of the commitment and donated expense, a candidate must have lived at the Center for at least a year and plan to remain for at least 18 months as well as be in good program standing.

For the last 20 years, Dr. Thomas Bales has been performing "orthodontic

triage" at Hanna residences, matching boys with the most urgent needs to a network of Sonoma County orthodontists that includes himself and his daughter Dr. Katie Bales. Six Hanna boys currently wear braces. "We've had nothing but positive experiences with our pro-bono Hanna cases," he said,

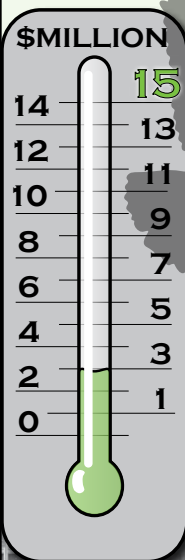
"Volunteering at Hanna is one of the most rewarding things I've done in my dental career."

—Dr. Jeff Geissberger

"and very much enjoy seeing the great smiles when the braces come off!"

A complete list of Hanna's dental volunteers appears in the 2010 Donor Report. If you are interested in volunteering or donating supplies or equipment, contact Karen Faustino for more information or a clinic tour at 707-933-2550 or kfaustino@hannacenter.org. ●





Robbi Pengelly, The Sonoma Index-Tribune

Get your hardhat on!

Come join us for a construction-zone tour. Have lunch with the boys, staff, and Father Crews. Learn more about the Campus Development Campaign and ways you can get involved. Tours are available every Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Call 707-933-2555 to reserve your date.



Ask for a Campus Development Campaign information kit.



Watch the "Spreading Our Wings" video at www.hannacenter.org.



the 7,850-square-foot Admissions ium.



Class of 2011 gets ready to graduate. In just a few months, Hanna's 16 seniors – 13 attending Hanna High full-time and three attending Sonoma Valley High – will receive their diplomas and move on to college, work, and other life experiences. Fortunately, each boy will walk forward with a personal plan for his future, created with the help of Hanna's Graduation Committee. Formed in 2007, this integrated staff team provides academic and senior-project support; career guidance; preparation for college testing, campus visits, applications, scholarships, and financial aid; and a complete commencement experience that includes senior portraits, robes, and even class rings, which seniors are being fitted for now and will receive in a special chapel ceremony in May.



Hanna's 4-H Program breeds caring and good judgment. Hanna 4-H members Jon (left) and Joe welcome the Center's first lamb of 2011, here just four days old. With the guidance of Agricultural Specialist Dave Redden, students are breeding sheep on campus to show at summer fairs and to produce market lambs. Students are also raising two market steers and, for the second year, have formed two four-man judging teams that are competing against other California 4-H programs in March and April, evaluating the quality of beef cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs. The teams train at area colleges as well as at Hanna. Now with 20 members, the 4-H program teaches boys self-discipline, responsibility, and how to care for others. What's more, said Dave, "Knowing how to judge the characteristics of animals helps make you a better judge of people."

Hanna Calendar of Events

Campus Development Tour and Lunch

Tuesdays and Fridays
11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
To reserve, call 707-933-2555

"Evening with the All-Stars" Gala

Saturday, April 30
At Hanna Boys Center

Spring Open House

Sunday, May 15
At Hanna Boys Center

19th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic

Golf on Monday, September 19
At Sonoma Golf Club
Tennis on Friday, September 23
At Silverado Resort, Napa

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2010 Hanna grad tells his story to Wendy Tokuda.

Students Rising Above co-founder and veteran Bay Area reporter Wendy Tokuda profiled John Kennedy in her award-winning series for KPIX-TV/CBS5 about program participants. To watch John's inspiring story, visit <http://holynamesuniversity.blogspot.com/2010/10/hnu-student-rising-above.html>.

Party Ahead
5th Annual
Evening with the All-Stars

JOIN US!
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011 ■ 5:00 PM

Enjoy cocktails, dinner, live and silent auction, tours of the new campus facilities, dancing to the Richard Olsen Orchestra and an elegant evening with the Stars of Hanna!

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