

# Grateful & Proud

The Kemple Clinic began with Dr. H.M. Kemple's one goal; to ensure all children in the community had access to quality dental care. He believed that improving the health and well-being of all children and young adults in the community creates a strong, healthy workforce and a vibrant economy. In 1998 he put his plan into action by opening the doors of The Kemple Clinic. After his passing in 2007, Kemple Memorial Children's Dental Clinic continued to be a place where children could get the dental care they needed at no cost to their families -- serving thousands of children during the organization's history. On February 2, 2020, we announced our intent to close the clinic as gaps in service to Central Oregon's at-risk children have been significantly reduced and our mission has been accomplished. We are grateful to have served the community and proud of the positive impact our work has had on children and their families.

Tremendous gratitude to our community's **dental professionals**. Our mission was fulfilled thanks to the compassionate care and support from over 600 volunteer dentists, hygienists and dental assistants; COCC's Dental Assistant Program; and Central Oregon Dental Society. Beyond providing millions of in-kind dollars in vital oral care, you delivered health and hope to our community's vulnerable families and children.

With deep appreciation, **the Kemple Family** wishes to acknowledge the board, support staff, contributing dental professionals and members of our community who have worked to keep the doors of Kemple Clinic open. Dental health care for at-risk children and adults had been HM's vision for many years. This vision was meant to reach out and serve the community, and with the help of so many dedicated volunteers, the clinic did just that. We sincerely thank all who have made this dream a reality. Our gratitude for you knows no bounds.

Donna Mills, Executive Director, **Central Oregon Health Council** adds, "COHC congratulates Kemple Clinic for filling the gap in access to preventative dental care. We appreciate all who have worked with Kemple Clinic and have a vision aligned with COHC: Creating a Healthier Central Oregon"

**More than 15,000 local Kemple Kids** say THANK YOU! From dental screenings and oral education events hosted at schools and community venues to no-cost emergent care and preventative check-ups provided by volunteer dental hygienists, (not to mention that over 40,000 sealants were applied to protect our healthy teeth) we all have happy, healthy smiles that will last a lifetime!



On behalf of Board President, Kathy Saterdahl, sincere thanks to **Kemple Clinic Board members**, past and present. Your continuous insight, guidance, and involvement is much appreciated. In addition, I wish to again thank our many **donors and grantors** who provided critical funding to carry out our mission. You have all made a profound impact on our community, championing our vision for over 22 years.

Kemple's Exec. Director, Suzanne Browning, and Manager, Debbi Smith, extend heartfelt thanks to our **staff and volunteers**. You worked tirelessly coordinating dental screenings, providing oral health report cards to parents, fundraising and capacity-building. We are especially grateful to the **dental hygienists** who delivered preventative care at our clinic and our portable Screen & Seal programs. We couldn't have provided this service without you.

Mosaic is honored to continue the vision of Dr. Kemple and the mission of Kemple Clinic with the collaborative creation of the **Kemple Children's Dental Fund** to continue providing a place where all children can access quality dental care. Funds raised from the Brighter Smiles Campaign and donations from the community will continue to provide low income and uninsured children with services at Mosaic's dental clinics in Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras.

Across Central Oregon, tooth pain and dental diseases are leading causes of absenteeism in school age children. Children with higher absentee rates are at serious risk of falling behind academically, resulting in poor graduation rates. We thank the many organizations working to ensure all children receive the care they need, and invite you to support this effort through the Kemple Children's Dental Fund. [www.kempleclinic.org](http://www.kempleclinic.org)