

Gladstone Center for Children & Families to add dental care

Thanks to collaboration between CareOregon, Clackamas County Health, and the Gladstone School District, on-site dental services will be added to the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF] starting in the next school year.

“In the past two years, we’ve seen a big need for dental care when we provided services through the Tooth Taxi and Arrow Dental van,” said GCCF Director Jere Applebee. “Our family resource coordinator from Northwest Family Services and our DHS family coach are both excited to have this new resource to help the families we serve.”

CareOregon donated \$310,000 to provide two children’s dental chairs and one adult chair, plus other equipment. Besides providing dental treatments, the facility will also provide oral health education for all preschool and kindergarten students attending school at the site.

PHOTO: The new dental facility opening in the next school year at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families will serve children and adults. The project is a partnership between CareOregon, Clackamas County Health, and Gladstone Schools.

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Anonymous donor helps Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet

Thanks to an anonymous \$1,500 donation, the Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet can purchase enough socks and underwear to finish out the school year. Last year the facility served more than 1,200 visitors age 21 and younger. It is run by volunteers from Gladstone First Baptist, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Gospel Fellowship Community Church, and Gladstone Church of the Nazarene.

“I am so relieved to know we have the funds to keep us supplied with new underwear and socks for the rest of this year and the start of the next school year,” said manager Joan Herrick. “This helps so many families that struggle to make ends meet.”

Families needing clothing and those who want to donate gently used shoes, winter coats, and clothing in youth sizes are welcome to visit Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The Clothes Closet is located on the north side of the Gladstone High School campus off Nelson Lane.

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Gladstone wrestlers qualify for state

Three Gladstone wrestlers will advance to the State Tournament on February 22 and 23. Hunter Lehman, a junior, was a second place qualifier in the 152-pound weight class. Chael Williams, a junior, was a third place qualifier in the 160-pound weight class. Fourth place qualifier Max Meyer, a senior in the 220-pound weight class, will also compete.

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