



## Happy New Year!

VINA looks back at 2022 as an incredible year of growth, overcoming and hope for the future.

Join us as we say **THANK YOU** to the countless volunteers, donors, staff, patients, board members, sponsors, and everyone that supports us!

VINA would not exist without the help of people who give donations, time, talent and support to further our mission.



69%  
of patients  
are seniors

78 new patients  
a 39% increase  
from last year



2022



884  
volunteer  
hours

370 free  
appointments  
for veterans



## Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who supported us this year through donations, volunteer time, in-kind services and so much more.

VINA is so grateful for all of our patients, volunteers, staff, donors, board members, sponsors, and all who support us!

We would like to thank the generous in-kind dental donors and referrals:

- Henry Schein (Shelley Sullivan)
- South Lyon Dental Care Center
- TDR Orthodontics
- Fusht-Wylie & Kahn Family Dental
- Michael Page, DDS
- Dr. Bonine
- Root Canal Specialty Associates (Brighton)

- Doan Periodontics
- Dr. Erika Johnson
- Ward Dental Lab
- Lyon Dental Implants & Oral Surgery
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates of Michigan, P.C.
- Oral and Facial Surgeons of Michigan



## Patient Testimonials

### Nate

Nate is a 21-year-old patient who came to VINA with numerous dental needs. He couldn't afford dental care without insurance because he also takes care of his mom and sister. Nate had many decayed, chipped and abscessed teeth in addition to very crowded, shifting teeth. He hadn't seen a dentist in a few years because it wasn't affordable for his family growing up.

VINA's goal was to alleviate Nate's pain while saving as many of his natural teeth as possible. Without the teamwork between the generous specialists (Dr. Sam Daniels, Dr. Fred Bonine and Root Canal Specialists) who donate their services and VINA, Nate likely would've needed dentures for the rest of his life. Nate said, "I'm so glad I got this done now because it would've gotten worse and maybe they wouldn't have been able to save my teeth."

"My income is Social Security, and I am considered low income. If it wasn't for VINA Dental, there's no telling what condition my teeth and gums would be in right now. Since going to VINA Dental, I have had 2 cleanings a year, a broken tooth fixed and recently scaling. **They have been a saving grace for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.**"

**-VINA Patient**

"I am always treated with respect and kindness. [VINA] has been one of **the most positive impacts on my life.** This place is truly a lifesaver."

**-VINA Patient**

"Everybody that I've met at VINA has been pleasant and helpful. **Without VINA I would not have been able to save my teeth.** Bless the people that give their time at VINA for people that otherwise would lose all their teeth. And thank you for all the kind people that donate."

**-VINA Patient**

"Without having dental insurance, my options were slim for getting dental help. **It is possible for me to smile again.** I appreciate everything they have done and for doing it for me."

**-VINA Patient**

Mark your calendars for our 2023 fundraising events!

**The Spring Gala** will be on March 11, 2023 at Lakelands Golf and Country Club. This fundraiser typically has fewer auction items that are higher priced. This includes trips, specialty gift baskets, and more.

**The Charity Golf Classic** will be on July 17, 2023 at Lakelands Golf and Country Club. This event has been held at Lakelands Golf & Country Club the last few years and always features fun games and contests during the outing.

**The Tailgate**, our signature event, is the week of the annual UofM vs. MSU football game. This year, it will be on October 19, 2023 at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center. Fans compete to see if the Spartan or Wolverine fans will raise more money for VINA. Includes tons of fun auction items, games, raffles and fanfare.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our 2022 events! We had a blast and are looking forward to seeing all of you this year!



## Events

## AmazonSmile and Kroger Rewards

Support VINA every time you shop on Amazon or at Kroger stores!

Visit

**[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)**

and register to support

VINA Community

Dental Center as your charity. Each time you place an order through

Amazon Smile, VINA will receive 0.5% back

in cash rewards.

You shop. Amazon gives.

### Supporting VINA Community Dental Center

01

#### Visit smile.amazon.com

- Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com

02

#### Select Charity

- Select your chosen charity (VINA Community Dental Center)

03

#### To set up on mobile app:

- Go to Settings → Select "AmazonSmile"
- Select your charity
- Turn AmazonSmile ON in mobile app

04

#### Start Shopping!

- Each time you place an order through Amazon Smile, VINA will receive 0.5% back in cash rewards!



Support VINA every time you shop at Kroger!



01

#### On the Kroger App

- Go to "My Account" and sign in
- From the "More" page, press "Rewards"
- Press "Community Rewards" and then search for VINA by searching "VINA" or our Kroger number BJ526
- Select & save!

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#### On a Web Browser

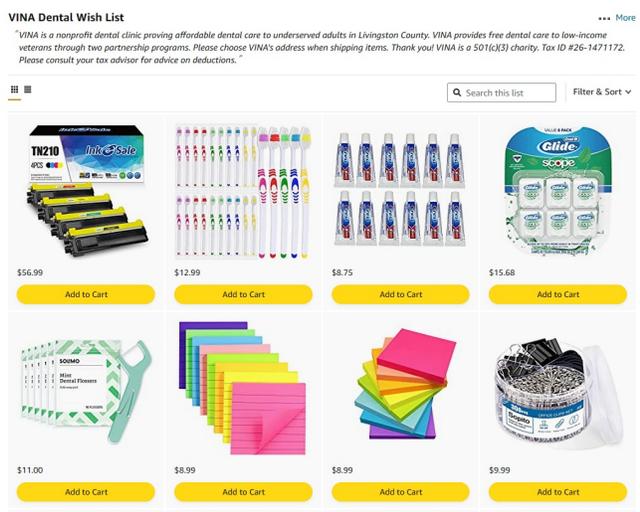
- Visit [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)
- Sign in or create an account
- Go to "My Account"
- Select "Community Rewards"
- In the Community Rewards section search for "VINA" or our Kroger number BJ526, select & save

Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card!

## VINA's Amazon Wishlist

VINA now has an Amazon

Wishlist! If you are interested in supporting VINA by donating specific items that are needed for both the clinic and office, click [HERE](#).



## Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Positions Available:

- Volunteer Dentist
- Volunteer Hygienist
- Volunteer Dental Assistant
- Front Desk Volunteer
- Fundraising Events Committee Volunteer
- Event Volunteer
- Bookkeeper

VINA Volunteers are . . .

Valued  
Outstanding  
Loving  
Unique  
Needed  
Terrific  
Empathetic  
Empowered  
Respected

THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS!



To sign up as a volunteer, fill out the volunteer form [HERE!](#)



## Press Releases

### VINA Receives Generous Donation from Real Estate One of Brighton

VINA Community Dental Center received a generous donation from Real Estate One as a part of their Giving Tuesday fundraiser. On Tuesday, December 27, Hollie Kotwicki presented a check for \$1,434.66 to VINA's

Executive Director, Samantha Jorgens to support VINA and the low-cost dental services provided to underserved adults in Livingston County.

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