

VINA Newsletter

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VINA UPDATES

Stars, Stripes & Smiles

A huge THANK YOU to all our attendees, sponsors, volunteers, donors, and everyone involved for making the 2025 Stars, Stripes & Smiles Spring Fundraiser a tremendous success! Your generosity and support make all the difference, and we couldn't have done it without you. Here's to another year of making an impact—see you next time!



Midnight in the Tropics – Thank You!

We are so grateful to the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Foundation for their incredible \$25,000 gift to support our Senior Smiles program! This generous support, made possible by their Midnight in the Tropics fundraiser, will help VINA provide vital dental care to low-income seniors, many of whom have nowhere else to turn for affordable oral health services.



BY THE NUMBERS



199

Volunteer Hours

285

Total Appointments



131

Preventive Care
Appointments



182

Veteran
Appointments

70%

Seniors



Patients Pay

\$25

Per
Appointment



January 2025 - May 2025

- **Welcome, Naomi!** Please join us in welcoming Naomi Hendrickson, our new Communications, Outreach, and Development Coordinator (CODC)
- **Congratulations to Dr. Webster** A warm congratulations to Dr. Webster and her husband, who recently welcomed Sage to their family! We're so happy for them as they begin this new chapter
- **Spring Cleaning** Behind the scenes, we've been sorting through old charts, retiring outdated equipment, and making strides in digital charting. Big thanks to the team for helping us stay organized and efficient!

Congratulations to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry Class of 2025!

Congratulations to the incredible graduates who've been part of the VINA community — from students who completed clinical rotations with us, to our dedicated Victors for Veterans (V4V) students, and those who served on our board. Your hard work and heart have left a lasting mark on our clinic and the patients we serve.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Anish Gupta – Lyon Dental Implants & Oral Surgery

A valued referral partner for oral surgery and V4V, Dr. Gupta is very community-minded, always learning, and always willing to help wherever needed.



Dr. Colleen Concepcion – VINA Board President

Dr. Concepcion stepped up during Dr. Webster's maternity leave, providing patient care in the clinic and helping lead the transition to digital charting by clearing out old equipment and records.

Dr. Anne Bibik – VINA Board Vice President

Dr. Bibik generously provided patient care while supporting rotations of dental students during Dr. Webster's leave and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support our digital transition and clinic organization.



PATIENT TESTIMONIAL

“Thanks to VINA, I have received dental care that had been lacking for almost 10 years. I had molars that had lost fillings and broken off, leaving exposed roots in at least four places on both sides of my mouth. This made it very difficult to eat healthy foods due to the pain of chewing, not good for a type 2 diabetic. I am now able to eat any foods pain-free and have a much healthier diet because of it. As a result, I have had an A1C of 5.7 for over eight months! Thank you!”

–VINA Patient



2025 AT VINA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 VINA Corvette Raffle

Check out the event website at corvette.cbo.io to see the full schedule of appearances – including where to find the VINA booth (and maybe even the Corvette!) at events like the Brighton Farmer's Market and the 40th annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest! Drawing held on July 4, 2025 at the Brighton 4th of July Parade. Winner need not be present to win.



SCAN HERE

VINA Tailgate – October 9, 2025

Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information regarding the upcoming Tailgate event this fall at at Crystal Gardens Event & Banquet Center

Stars, Stripes & Smiles 2026 – March 21, 2026

Save the date for VINA's 2026 Stars, Stripes & Smiles spring fundraising event!

Sparkling Smiles & Nonprofit Dental Clinic Roundtable

We had an inspiring 24 hours in Detroit with the Michigan Dental Association Foundation celebrating VINA as a 2024 grantee at the Sparkling Smiles Fundraiser and then hosting the Nonprofit Dental Clinics Roundtable with 15 attendees from 7 clinics.



Thank You, Lowry Solutions!

Recently, VINA received a generous donation of five new computers from Lowry Solutions. These resources will support our staff, volunteers, and the patients we serve. We're grateful for their commitment to strengthening community care through technology. Visit their website at lowrysolutions.com.



History Resurfaced at VINA!

A rediscovered chalk drawing by local architect Max Musch (his very first project) now hangs in our waiting room!

Thanks to the Brighton Area Historical Society for helping us uncover the rich history of our building. Visit BrightonAreaHistorical.com to support their work!

