

VINA SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026

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VINA UPDATES



University of Michigan Student Updates

Congrats to Dr. Chris Xiao on graduating from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, and we thank him for his service and contributions on VINA’s Board of Directors. We welcomed two D3 UofM dental students, Alexander Hahn and Olivia Diakantonis, to VINA’s Board of Directors. We also celebrated the graduation of Javier and Swathi, who did a rotation at VINA before graduating in May.

Accessibility & Comfort Items Now Available

VINA offers patients accessibility and comfort items during visits at no cost to support sensory needs, communication, and anxiety. Items include noise-cancelling headphones, ear plugs, sound amplifiers, LED magnifiers, stress balls, fidget toys, and clear window masks.



Stars, Stripes & Smiles

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Stars, Stripes & Smiles fundraiser. We’re incredibly grateful to our attendees, sponsors, volunteers, donors, and all involved for making it such a success!



BY THE NUMBERS



198.5
Volunteer Hours



340
Total Appointments



147
Hygiene Appointments



195
Veteran Appointments
(V4V and VINA)

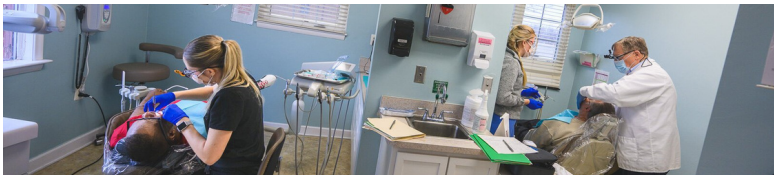


65%
Seniors



\$105K
Cost of Treatment
(Excl. In-Kind)

January 2026 – May 2026



PATIENT TESTIMONIAL

“Someone told me about VINA and the first time I made an appointment I cried thinking I wouldn’t get the excellent care I was used to, but I was wrong. I’ve been very satisfied with my care and I’ve been going for a few years now.” – VINA Patient

2026 AT VINA

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

18th Annual FCOM Conference

VINA recently attended the 18th Annual Free Clinics of Michigan Conference in Detroit where Executive Director Samantha Jorgens participated in a panel on fundraising and volunteer engagement.



Ward Dental Lab

Ward Dental Lab has provided in-kind lab work for VINA Community Dental Center for many years. They are truly an invaluable partner and we could not carry out our mission without their support.



Root Canal Specialty Associates

Root Canal Specialty Associates has been a trusted referral partner of VINA, providing in-kind services for VINA patients so they can receive specialty care they otherwise would go without.



Annual Nonprofit Dental Clinics Roundtable

This year's annual roundtable with the MDA Foundation brought together nonprofit dental clinics from across Michigan to discuss shared challenges, resources, and improving access to dental care.



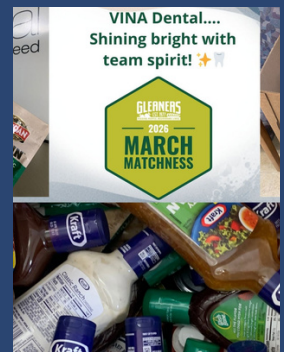
Michigan Dental Association Foundation Sparkling Smiles Celebration

We were grateful to attend an evening focused on expanding access to dental care, and are thankful for MDAF's support of clinics like ours serving those in need.



Gleaners Community Food Bank March Madness

Thanks to all of you, VINA's donations to Gleaners totaled \$263 and 169 pounds of food (219 items), helping provide 1,803 meals to people in need. Across Livingston County and Detroit, the overall total provided more than 100,000 meals!



UPCOMING EVENTS

VINA Charity Golf Classic - June 26, 2026

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, donors, golfers, and community partners for supporting the VINA Charity Golf Classic. We can't wait to see you on the course!

VINA Tailgate - October 8, 2026

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

Follow us on social media for more updates!



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Livingston Link Up and Community Connect

We're always happy to share information about VINA and remind our uninsured neighbors that we're here for them. Huge thanks to the volunteers, organizers, and everyone who stopped by our table.



Volunteer Appreciation Week Open House

We're so grateful for our volunteers and the many ways they support VINA, from the front desk and clinic, to private dental offices, fundraising events, community outreach, our Board of Directors, and more.



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