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July 27, 2020

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To the UU Congregation:

On behalf of the HealthNet Bloomington Health Center, I would like to thank the UUCB congregation for this past year's donation of almost \$8,000 toward our dentures fund. I am especially grateful knowing that these donations have been made despite the loss of in-person services.

HealthNet acquired Volunteers in Medicine at the end of December 2019 and opened the Bloomington Health Center in early January. Before VIM closed our dental clinic last November to pack up for the planned renovation, your gift provided four people with free dentures and related lab work.

Unfortunately, between the extensive facility renovation and, then, the pandemic, we were unable to reopen the dental clinic until early July. However, we have now opened to provide services for dental emergencies for all ages. In his first week, our new dentist, Dr. Kirk Yegerlehner, saw a gentleman with a serious infection. He extracted five teeth and sent the patient to the emergency room for IV antibiotics to prevent the infection from moving to his lungs. When the infection heals, this gentleman will need a partial denture and your funds will help him to do that.

Your donation to our denture funds will go further than with the VIM clinic, as the renovation allows us to now have a denture lab onsite. We will still need to have the labs associated with dentures done offsite, but there will be a significant cost savings to be able to build the denture onsite – thus allowing more people to access your gift.

Again, heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generous support of the Volunteers in Medicine / HealthNet Bloomington Health Center dentures fund. We are so grateful.

Best wishes to you all,

Nancy E. Richman
Dr. Kirk Yegerlehner and Kelly Swaby, Dental Assistant
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