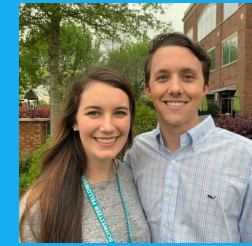


# Samaritan Health Center Denture Project

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## PROJECT GOALS

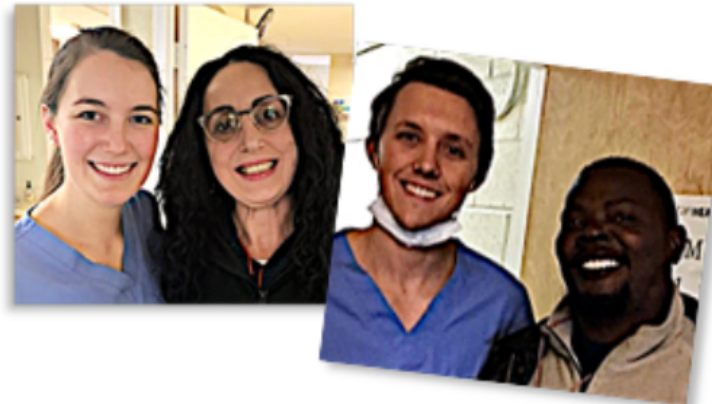
Many homeless patients at the Samaritan Health Center (SHC) suffer from missing some or all of their teeth which impact their ability to eat, get a job, and have a pain free mouth. We aimed to **treat 20 patients with complete and/or partial dentures free of charge.**

*Due to COVID-19, the clinic was suspended from completing treatment but will resume once restrictions are lifted.*

## SITE SERVED

**Samaritan Health Center** is located near downtown Durham, NC. SHC's mission is to provide compassionate, comprehensive, and affordable health care with excellence, to the underserved in the community.

## RESULTS



- Provided **\$40,000** in free care
- **13 patients** received dentures/partials; however COVID-19 interrupted care
- **Initiated** treatment on **7 patients**
- **Extracted teeth** on **10 patients** that will have time to properly heal and receive denture treatment at SHC in the future

According to post-treatment surveys, all patients reported **increased self-confidence, chewing abilities, chances of obtaining employment, and better speech.**

## SUSTAINABILITY

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