

Pine Grove Nursing Home visit



As part of Dental Health Month and the Carriage Place Dental Centre's commitment to community involvement, Dr. Pyke and Tracey McGarry visited the Pine Grove Nursing Home in Fredericton on April 13, 2007 to give a seminar on oral care for seniors to the personal care workers at the facility.

Tracey prepared an excellent Power Point presentation that covered such topics as Dry Mouth; caring for natural teeth and dentures; signs of oral cancer; and various products and dental hygiene aids that are available. The Pine Grove care givers were very interested and asked great questions. We were very impressed with the level of care and commitment they demonstrated to their clients. All in all, it was a great afternoon!



We had also planned a visit to Priestman Street Elementary School on April 20 to talk to the Kindergarten students about the importance of oral health; however, Old Man Winter had other ideas! A late season snow storm resulted in school closures in the city, and scheduling conflicts prevented us from arranging another date. It was really too bad, because we had a really cool demonstration of impression taking planned, and we had 80 "goody bags" all prepared with some great stuff in them! They'll have to wait until next school year!



In October 2007, Dr. Pyke and her team committed to volunteering one day per month at the Fredericton Community Kitchen serving meals to those in need. The Community Kitchen is a wonderful example of an idea that started small but, with the vision and commitment of a few dedicated people, it has grown to provide three hot meals a day 365 days a year to as many as 100 people at a time. We are so excited to help out such a great cause!



The Carriage Place Dental Center is also sponsoring a local family's Christmas through the Salvation Army. Our family consists of Mom, Dad, a 10 year old girl, and two boys, aged 12 and 9. We are looking forward to buying the kids some fun stuff and providing the parents with some helpful items as well. It sure is a rewarding way to share in the Christmas spirit.