ADI Foundation Board of Directors:

This is a Mid-Year report detailing how the grant monies were allocated to serve the dental needs. The grant we received was to help with our cost to fabricate dentures and partial. As you might know, dentures and or partials can be very expensive to us that have dental insurance. We saw the need to help those who could not afford this service. Many of our adults will finish all the restorative care, extractions and hygiene and one of our volunteer dentists advise them, to get replacement so they can chew better. Our patients are homeless, low-income, veterans or seniors and we have a reduced cost for prosthodontics, but our clientele cannot afford this cost many times. Since the money was granted, September 2018, we have spent three quarters of the donated money as of this mid-year.

Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission is a nonprofit organization that serve the displaced adults of our Seattle streets with many services that can help them endure homelessness. Our adults are so elated to have a new smile and with the grant donation, they did not pay the lab cost for their first set of dentures and or partials. It can be very emotional for those receiving their new smile they never thought they would have again. In our city of Seattle, there are no free dentures unless State coverage has been established and approved. Our adult would need find a dental clinic that accepts state insurance and it could take 6 months to a year to get the approval for a denture or partial. Therefore, we are bridging the gap for those struggling just to live day to day. So the importance of this grant is to help us pay the lab fee, we are not eligible to bill the state for any service.

Here is an example of one of our satisfied patient who has been an established for years and he finally received his upper partials.

Mr. Buford below was so happy, "I can't believe how good these new teeth look, thank you so much"

I thank you for the generosity of the ADI Board and as the year continues, we will spend the remaining money on those in greatest need.

Thank you for your time

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