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MAKING AN IMPACT

Restoring smiles and confidence to neighbors in need



Click the image to hear from patients and staff about the impact of your financial support.

PATIENT SPOTLIGHT: THE MUSIC RETURNS

Patient 'CP' was referred to Local Start after having lost most of his upper teeth. CP is a trumpet player in a band and due to his tooth loss had been out of work for many months. We were able to extract his remaining upper teeth and successfully place a denture. He has resumed playing and is again able to earn a living.

Many of our patients have not visited a dentist in a long time and have suffered physically and economically from the lack of dental care. Thanks to our donors, **95% of our patients** are receiving discounted care on a sliding scale. We also see a small number of patients who are uninsured yet have the means to pay the full cost of treatment.

PATIENT TRANSFORMATION IN ACTION

Our staff surveys patients before treatment and four months after treatment to measure changes. Important life functions improve dramatically after treatment at Local Start!

Our surveyed patients post treatment reported a **30% improvement in the nutritional value of the food they can now enjoy, a 42% increase in the confidence level they feel, and a 70% improvement in the ability to function in life.**

COMPASSIONATE CARE TO UNDERSERVED ADULTS

We have provided **more than 928** underserved low-income or uninsured adults with tooth replacement services that are not offered by other nonprofit dental clinics in our region.

A MODEL FOR COLLABORATION

We are grateful to partner with the UNC Adams School of Dentistry to offer dental students the opportunity to learn denture techniques at our clinic. To date, **38 4th-year students** have seen **470 patients**. Currently **6 students** do **1-week rotations** each month.

YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

Thanks to the generous support of community donors like yourself, we've raised **over \$3.2M in cash contributions** to date and **over \$2.5M in in-kind contributions** to date. These generous donations support the clinic, free and discounted patient care, and working capital. Thank you!

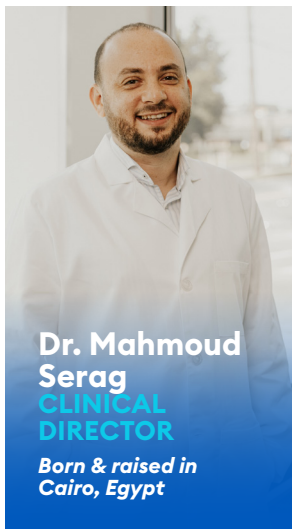
LEADING THE WAY FOR CONTINUING ED

We have hosted **7 continuing education sessions** with dentists from ACI and CCC. These courses have involved **48 patients and 28 licensed dentists.**

TIMELINE



MEET OUR PROSTHODONTISTS



A PASSION FOR LEARNING

- ➔ American Board Certified Prosthodontist
- ➔ DDS program, Cairo University
- ➔ Advanced Prosthodontics program at Rutgers University
- ➔ Implant-Perio Fellowship at University of Maryland

A PASSION FOR COMMUNITY

- ➔ Taught eight years at East Carolina University training future dental professionals who serve primarily in rural and underserved North Carolina
- ➔ Actively conducts research involving implants and digital dentistry

A PASSION FOR FAMILY

- ➔ Loves a funny movie and a large bucket of buttery popcorn with his wife, Heba
- ➔ Enjoys walking in the park and having a lunch picnic with his daughters, Layla and Zain

A PASSION FOR LOCAL START DENTAL

“Local Start’s mission resonates with me and my values. I look forward to providing care for the underserved community, to not only improve their oral health, but to also provide them with opportunities to be successful. I’m excited that I will continue to be a part of the education for future and established dentists.”



A PASSION FOR LEARNING

- ➔ DDS program, UNC Adams School of Dentistry, followed by completion of the Advance Dental Program in Prosthodontics
- ➔ Fellowship in Dental Implantology
- ➔ PhD, Oral and Craniofacial Biomedicine
- ➔ Actively conducts research on how to use stem cells to reconstruct craniofacial tissues

A PASSION FOR COMMUNITY

Overall research goal: Help individuals with craniofacial deformities secondary to cancer, trauma and developmental disorders

A PASSION FOR FAMILY

Enjoys going on hikes with husband, Dixon, and their dog, Beck

A PASSION FOR LOCAL START DENTAL

“I have a passion for oral health and overall medicine. I am excited to use my years of education to provide high quality care for community members while using cutting-edge technology.”