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Apple Tree Dental Hawley Center for Dental Health Receives \$5,000 in Support from the FM Area Foundation

HAWLEY, MINNESOTA Apple Tree Dental's Hawley Center for Dental Health first opened in 1997. At that time, the FM Area Foundation helped Apple Tree to overcome several startup challenges. Today after 20 years and hundreds of thousands of dental visits, the FM Area Foundation is once again stepping forward to provide support to help Apple Tree overcome several current workforce challenges.

In 2016, the Hawley Center provided dental care to more than 5,200 patients during more than 13,000 dental visits resulting in more than \$3.3 million of services. The Hawley Center serves the region's most vulnerable and underserved children, adults, and elders both at its clinic location and through its mobile delivery programs that reach patients on-site at our community partner sites (such as schools, Head Start centers, and assisted living facilities) that are within a one hour drive from the Hawley Center.



"This generous funding from FM Area Foundation will help support recruiting high quality dental staff to provide critically needed oral health services to our patients," stated Dr. Michael J. Helgeson, CEO and an Apple Tree Dental founder. *"We are very grateful for their continued support of our Hawley Center."*

Apple Tree Dental's mission is to improve the oral health of all people, including those with special access needs who face barriers to care. Celebrating 32 years of service in Minnesota, we are proud to serve everyone; transcending age, ability, and socioeconomic status to give our patients the dental care they need for life. Inspired by the Mayo Clinic model, Apple Tree is nationally recognized for its pioneering approach to integrating dental care as part of overall health and well-being. With an integrated team of professionals that includes specially trained dentists and a multilingual staff, we provide preventive care and treatment at six Centers for Dental Health in Minnesota and through our on-site Mobile Delivery Programs. Our Hawley Center launched in 1997 in response to requests from local community members to help solve a severe dental access problem in the Red River Region. We are pleased to be celebrating 20 years of providing oral health care to residents of Hawley and the surrounding communities. Learn more at www.appletreedental.org.

The FM Area Foundation is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota. The FM Area Foundation helps people give back to the community and ensures the needs of the community are addressed now and in perpetuity. Working in partnership with individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits, the FM Area Foundation manages charitable funds and provides grants to qualified nonprofit organizations and causes.

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