



### **Dr. Maura Darnieder Joins Dental Aid**

*Latest addition to Dental Aid team strengthens clinic's ability to deliver quality dental care to the area's under and uninsured.*

Lafayette, CO — March 1, 2017 – Dental Aid, Inc. is pleased to announce Dr. Maura Darnieder has joined their staff as a dentist. Dental Aid specializes in providing affordable, high quality dental care and education to the low-income and uninsured residents of Colorado's Boulder and Broomfield counties. Its clinics are located in Boulder, Longmont and Louisville, CO.

Dr. Darnieder graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. She volunteered in the university's pediatric dental clinic before joining Dental Aid. During her time in Marquette, she was actively involved in the American Student Dental Association.

While earning her Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she was active in the Big Ten Leadership Network Committee. She also founded the University of Wisconsin – Madison branch of Operation Smile and was active in many outreach efforts ranging from international mission trips to serving the urban poor.

"We are very excited Dr. Darnieder has joined our staff," said Dennis Lewis, president and CEO, Dental Aid, Inc. "Her experience and commitment to serving those in need aligns extremely well with Dental Aid's mission."

#### ***About Dental Aid***

Dental Aid provides compassionate, affordable, high quality dental care and education to low-income and uninsured residents of Colorado's Boulder and Broomfield counties.

The long term clinical focus of Dental Aid follows a chronic disease management model directed at prevention, education and treatment in the early stages of disease. In addition to direct clinical care, Dental Aid prioritizes education and outreach to high-risk patients including:

- Families and children of all ages
- Pregnant women
- People with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and HIV/AIDS
- People with physical, mental or emotional disabilities

Dental Aid was one of the first stand-alone, nonprofit, complete-care dental clinics in the U.S. The organization was founded in 1974 as a referral organization and opened its first full-service clinic in 1980. Today, Dental Aid provides dental care to more than 8,000 children and adults annually. It provides services through three clinics (Boulder, Longmont and Louisville, CO) and a satellite clinic at the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless. In addition, portable dental equipment is used to bring dental care to the homebound or those living in long term care facilities. For more information, visit [www.dentalaid.org](http://www.dentalaid.org).

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