



The Prosthodontics Intermedica Dental Implant Care Center in southeastern Pennsylvania is renowned for its cutting edge implant treatment as well as other innovative cosmetic and restorative dentistry.

However, in addition to all of the state-of-the-art work he does developing advanced dental treatment techniques, such as the trademarked Teeth In A Day protocol, Dr. Thomas Balshi and his team have been reaching out far and wide for more than a decade to better the lives of the needy, providing desperately needed funds and services.

Since it was created in 1999, the Prosthodontics Intermedica (PI) Foundation has been a resource on several diverse fronts – for the support of medical research, for disaster aid and for direct personal assistance to families who have suffered misfortune.

“We have supported a number of national worthy causes from ALS and cancer research; to cleaning up after September 11, 2001 in New York and after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans; however the widest usage of our energy and funds is to provide comprehensive dental care,” said Joanne Balshi, Dr. Balshi’s wife and trustee of the PI Foundation.

“To date we have provided full mouth reconstruction, mostly with Branemark implants and fixed prostheses, for 26 patients, most of whom we are in touch with on a regular basis because of the level of friendship that develops with such cases. We

estimate the value of care rendered to be in excess of two million dollars.”

The PI Foundation, based just outside of Philadelphia in Fort Washington, seeks to help the most needy and worthy patients. There is a formal

isolated event,” Dr. Balshi said. “The psycho-social and clinical components for each needy patient require a total team effort and detailed planning. The entire staff needs to deeply embrace charitable care.”

“When this happens, we experience a wonderful groundswell of sharing love with one another,” Dr. Balshi added. “A side benefit of charitable giving is the effervescent enthusiasm



The Prosthodontics Intermedica Foundation has changed many lives. Josh, a college student in New York, no longer has dentures, but does have a brand new smile.

application and requirement of two independent letters of reference and copies of the last two years’ tax returns for the applicant.

“Providing patient care through the foundation is far from a singular

that infectious spreads through the staff and ultimately caresses all of our patients.”

The PI Foundation is publicly supported through an annual fund drive and occasional fundraisers, with most

of the funds paying for laboratory expenses, and does have some corporate sponsors. But one of the truly admirable parts of the foundation's work is that the PI staff members donate their own time, working without compensation, when treating

patient. Their dental implant center documents a 99 percent success rate for all dental implant reconstruction.

"I can attest that the days we treat our Foundation patients are the best professional days of our lives," Joanne Balshi said. "I speak for all of us at PI."



The Prosthodontics Intermedica building at The Institute for Facial Esthetics in Fort Washington.



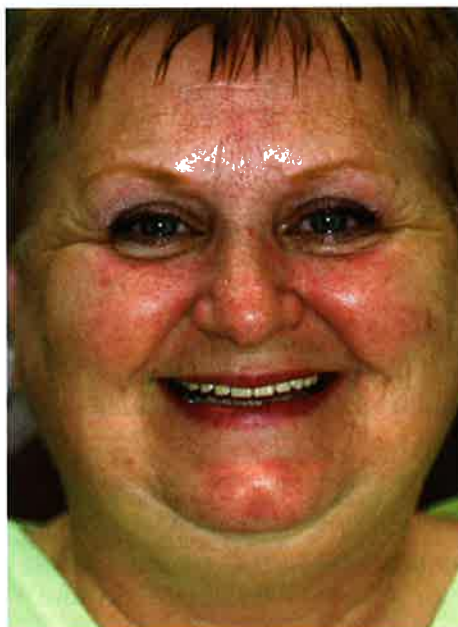
Denise came to the PI Foundation from the Bronx. After her treatment, "A stranger waiting for the train asked Denise if she was a model," Joanne Balshi said. "Can you even imagine her joy?"

these patients.

"They are treated by the 'A-team' always and often leave us not only with a new smile but with other material and intangible gifts as well," Joanne Balshi said. "We have many magical stories."

Beyond the dental care provided, the PI staff has contributed to numerous larger causes, such as the tragedies and aftermaths of 9-11 and Katrina, and has reached out into the neighborhoods of Philadelphia, delivering clothing, food, bottled water and bedding to the homeless of the city.

Dr. Balshi and his partner, Dr. Glenn Wolfinger, are advancing the top technologies for treatment on an ongoing basis, helping to make complete dental rehabilitation possible for almost any



Rhonda, from South Carolina, has created an invention to take care of her implant prostheses, and wants to dedicate some of the funds from her project to the PI Foundation.

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