

## Dr. Blazek Honored with 2021 Women of Distinction Award



On July 15, our very own Dr. DeAnne Blazek was honored at the annual Women & Girls Fund of Waukesha County event with the 2021 Women of Distinction award. Dr. Blazek has been committed to the practice of dentistry since she was a child, receiving care from her uncle, who she found out

later in life, provided it pro bono. When she became a dentist herself and established her own practice, she made a pledge to herself to personify the spirit of service and commitment by “paying it forward.” For more than 25 years, Dr. Blazek has provided compassionate dental care to her patients, including to those who were referred by Community Smiles Dental (formerly the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic) to her office and couldn’t afford dental treatment. Although she is now retired from her private practice, she continues to serve those in need at CSD clinics two days a week.

Dr. Blazek’s leadership is demonstrated not only in her dedication to excellence, but also how she fuels the passion of those around her, especially women and girls. She is not only dedicated to mentoring Marquette University Dental School interns as a preceptor, she continues to bring female dentists together in study groups once they are in practice. Concurrently, she shares her passion for excellence with the entire Community Smiles team. Her inclusive style builds motivation, momentum and teamwork around Community Smiles Dental’s core values of inclusivity, professionalism, quality, compassion, and community.

By example and individual encouragement, Dr. Blazek has helped numerous women advance their own personal goals. Regardless of background, Dr. Blazek has shown a commitment to supporting women to realize their full potential. She has encouraged all women, regardless of their position, to pursue further education to advance their careers.

She has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in the Waukesha community by her involvement in the Waukesha Lion’s Club and at Community Smiles Dental. She was honored with a Birch Sturm fellowship in 2004 and received the Melvin Jones Award in 2007 for her dedication to humanitarian service

in the Waukesha community. Dr. Blazek has been a trailblazer, enthusiastically determined to solve the access to affordable dental care for low-income Waukesha County residents for many years.

She has shown her dedication to this goal, volunteering thousands of hours at CSD over the past 14 years and guiding and mentoring us through our early growth.

For all of these reasons, Dr. Blazek is a deserving recipient of this honor and we were thrilled to help celebrate her earlier this year. Congratulations Dr. B and thank you for changing lives at Community Smiles Dental.



# Meet the Current CSD Dentists

Our team of part-time dentists has nearly doubled this past year as we've expanded clinical care in response to demand. We couldn't be more thrilled with the providers who are treating our patients with compassion and dignity each day. Our dentists are supported by our outstanding clinical team, including

our Registered Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Patient Care Coordinators, and Clinical Managers. With this expanded team, we have been able to better meet the needs of our growing patient base. We'd like to thank and introduce you to our DDS team at each clinic.

## Working primarily in our newest clinic in Menomonee Falls:



Dr. Sarah, who joined our team in December 2019



Dr. Best, who joined our team in July 2021



Dr. Jessica, who joined our team in August 2021



Dr. Raluca, who joined our team in February 2021



Dr. Miranda, who re-joined our team in February 2021 and was previously a clinical volunteer



Dr. Amanda, who joined our team in January 2021

## Working primarily in our Waukesha clinic:



Dr. Katie, who joined our team in January 2017



Dr. Kristina, one of our longest-standing team members who joined us in September 2010



Dr. DeAnne, who has been part of our clinical staff since the inception and volunteered for years before accepting a part-time position in 2017.



Dr. AnnMarie, who joined our team in October 2020



Dr. Adam, who joined our team in September 2014

# Introducing Our New Executive Leadership Council



Marybeth Budisch, ELC Co-Chair, hosts guests at our Laugh for a Smile event this past spring.

The past few years at Community Smiles Dental have brought considerable growth, including the addition of our second clinic, growing demand due to the pandemic, an organizational rebrand, and increased awareness about our work. As our services expand, our budget needs and the need for donations increases in tandem. We know that our continued success requires more individuals to know about our mission and ways they can get involved.

To support this, we introduced our first Executive Leadership Council (ELC) in the spring of 2021. This group is composed of community leaders and partners who agree to provide advice and guidance to our board and staff leadership, as well as increase the organization's visibility.

ELC members generously and enthusiastically champion the Community Smiles Dental mission to help more community members learn about how they can get involved and support the cause.

Our ELC has been very active already this year and has quickly grown to include the following members:

Marybeth Budisch (Co-Chair)  
Hanneke Deeken (Co-Chair)  
Kevin Ackeret  
Peter Bacon  
Dave Glasgow  
Fred Gutierrez  
Christine Irgens  
Lizzie Jorgensen  
Shelli Marquardt  
Tina Quealy  
Les Weil  
Wendell Willis

We are most grateful to these individuals for their investment of time, talents, and treasures, all of which are helping us to serve even more families in need.

If you are interested in learning more about the ELC or how to get involved, we welcome you to contact our Director of Development, Emily Lukasek ([elukasek@communitysmiles.org](mailto:elukasek@communitysmiles.org)).

## Thank you to our 2021 Cheers to Community Smiles Sponsors

This fall we are debuting a new event called Cheers to Community Smiles, featuring a wine and bourbon tasting. The event will take place at the Blue Mound Golf & Country Club on November 4, 2021 and wouldn't be possible without the support of our Board of Directors and our amazing sponsors. Thank you to all who participated and thank you to the following sponsors for supporting our mission to provide dental care to low-income children, adults and special needs patients who don't have access to this vital service.

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## Save the Date for Laugh for a Smile 2022

We return to the beautiful Brookfield Conference Center on **Thursday, April 21, 2022**, from **5:00 pm - 8:30 pm** for our signature fundraising event, Laugh for a Smile. Joining us as **Co-Chairs** this year are **Laura & Adam Peck, Dr. Miranda & Kurt Peter, Ms. Anne Zizzo, and Mr. Joe Zizzo**. We are further thrilled to announce that Pat McGann will be our featured comedian this year.

During our 2022 event, we will raise crucial dollars for our mission and celebrate our annual award recipients. We are pleased to announce the 2022 honorees:

- **Chairman's Smile Award:** Dr. Dan D'Angelo, Dr. Nick Nelson, Dr. Ken Schellhase, and Robert Speer
- **Community Partner Award:** American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation

All of the proceeds from this event directly support patients turning to Community Smiles Dental for vital and life-changing dental care. Sponsorship opportunities are now available and include great marketing recognition. Tickets are \$125/person and advanced registration is available. Check out the event website at [communitysmiles.org/laugh-for-a-smile/](http://communitysmiles.org/laugh-for-a-smile/) to learn more.

### Announcing our Featured Comedian, Pat McGann

Pat McGann is quickly rising as one of the sharpest stand-up comedians in the comedy world.

Pat began stand-up comedy at the age of 31, after realizing he was not very good at selling packaging. A husband and father of three young children, Pat's appeal stems from his quick wit and relatable take on family life and marriage.



McGann's impressive resume includes performances on The Late Show with David Letterman, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Montreal's famed Just for Laughs Festival, Gilda's LaughFest, The Great American Comedy Festival and the Nashville Comedy Fest.