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*Sarah Darley with patients in Ciudad Vieja,
Guatemala*

Recent Regis Jesuit High School Graduate on Pre-Dental Path

Sarah Darley Completes Dental Humanitarian Adventure

DENVER – July 5, 2017 – Sarah Darley, a 2017 Regis Jesuit High School graduate, recently returned from Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala, having volunteered with Global Dental Relief (GDR), an organization that provides free dental care to children in need. During this Guatemala clinic, GDR delivered free, first-time dental care to 500 children. Volunteer dental professionals and general volunteers, like Darley make GDR’s mission possible.

“Coming on this trip as a pre-dental student, I was unsure whether I would be doing any actual dental work in the clinic due to my lack of experience,” said Darley. “But I was pleasantly surprised when I was assigned to serve as a chair side assistant, helping dentists and working directly with patients. As a recent high school graduate, this was by far the best service opportunity available to me, as I could truly see the results of my efforts firsthand. I was a useful participant – not simply a bystander – which made this an incredibly memorable experience. I am already looking forward to my next GDR trip.”

Darley has a history of volunteerism and has completed over 200 hours of service throughout the Denver metro area. This was her first international trip to provide comprehensive dental care to impoverished children in remote locations around the world, offering her willing heart, welcoming smile and skills that are desperately needed by the communities served. Darley’s incredible work ethic, coupled with her initiative to help in any way she could was a great complement to the team.

Darley’s choice to volunteer with GDR was based, in part, on her career and life goals. “This is the type of work I want to do and GDR’s approach to treat needy children, and do follow-up visits every two years, is one of the most effective and wide-reaching for the communities they serve,” said Darley.

ABOUT GLOBAL DENTAL RELIEF

Global Dental Relief (GDR) is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 2001 to provide free dental care and oral health education to impoverished children and families of Nepal, northern India, Cambodia, Kenya and Guatemala. GDR's commitment is to return to these same children every two years to provide continuous care. Dental camps generally include up to six dentists, three hygienists and six to twelve non-medical volunteers who collectively treat upwards of 150 children per day. GDR currently offers twenty clinics in five countries to volunteer combined with opportunities to explore local culture and participate in guided travel following the clinic. Since 2001, GDR has hosted more than 2,200 volunteers and treated more than 133,000 children. For more information about Global Dental Relief, visit www.globaldentalrelief.org.

ABOUT SARAH DARLEY

Sarah Darley is a Denver native. She was an active member of Regis Jesuit High Schools field hockey and golf teams. She is also participates in competitive horseback riding. She is an avid reader and enjoys spending time in the mountains. Darley will begin her studies at Texas Christian University in September 2017, and is planning to major in biology with a minor in business. She has already begun researching and submitting early applications to dental schools.



Sarah organizing the charts of all the children seen in the clinic

Additional Photos



Sarah Darley (right) assisting a dental hygienist in the recent Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala clinic

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