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## Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund 2019 Student Report

At the Patient Care Clinic on the University of Manitoba's Bannatyne Campus, students experience the opportunity to provide care to underserved and at-risk populations. With the generous investments from the **Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund**, dental students treat and advocate for their patients, who have complex oral health needs and who otherwise could not afford dental care.

The following story, provided by Dr. Audrey Pinette (D.M.D/18), a 2017 and 2018 beneficiary of your support, acknowledges the impact that your generosity offers both students and patients at the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry.

"I was able to utilize the **Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund** twice, once last year and once this year. In the first instance, it was my supervising dentist who let me know that these funds were available and that my patient would be a good candidate for them. He had extensive restorative work that needed to be completed in order to stabilize and preserve his dentition; unfortunately the cost of the restorative work was much more than what his income assistance program would cover and so the Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund was applied to offset the balance.

Not only was I able to bring the disease under control and prevent things from deteriorating further, which is the most important benefit to the patient; I was also able to have a wonderful learning experience. The larger fillings would not have been possible to complete if it weren't for the help of the **Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund!**

My patient was so thankful that his mouth was looking and feeling better and that he didn't have to delay more necessary treatment simply due to a lack of funds.



Dr. Audrey Pinette, recent graduate of the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry

In the second instance, which was just this year, the **Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund** allowed me to complete a comprehensive case for a patient, which involved many disciplines: restorative, oral surgery,

periodontics and finally, fixed prosthodontics. This was a lengthy and involved case, which spanned the course of many months. Since the patient had to take so much time off work, more than what was paid as sick days, funds were getting tight and in order to complete the final and most major prosthodontic work, the Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund was able to supplement the costs and allow her to once again have a fully functional dentition. She was so touched and appreciative of the generosity and also so pleased to have a beautiful and functional bridge so that she didn't have to live with a missing tooth.

I believe that the most valuable aspect of the gift of the Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund is in helping to regain and/or maintain the oral health of the patient. Oral health can be easily overlooked at times, until there is pain or infection; rehabilitating and preserving the dentition is so vital in order to prevent such things from occurring. Anything that can be done to prevent tooth loss, pain and infection is valuable to the overall health and well-being of the patient.

The bonus to this is when the **Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial Fund** enables work to be done that otherwise would be cost-prohibitive, the student is allowed a wonderful hands-on learning experience guided by excellent supervising dentists which allow us to become better clinicians."

Thank you for choosing to invest in the well-being of patients and the education of dentistry students at the University of Manitoba. Your financial support ensures comprehensive training for our future dentists and allows our College to train leading innovators and practitioners in the oral health care field. Thank you!