

Award: Henrietta Da Boer Volunteer of the Year Award
Recipient: Katerina Georgiarentis
Presenter: Crissy Turino

Hello everyone, my name is Crissy Turino and I am the Consumer Health Hotline Coordinator at CCHCC and I am also the coordinator of the Dental Referral Program. I have the great honor of announcing our second award recipient for the Volunteer of the Year Award – Katerina Georgiarentis.

As Nick mentioned, this award is given to a volunteer who has distinguished themselves over the past year for their outstanding work and dedication to the organization. While Katerina was not able to be here tonight, I will outline some of her outstanding accomplishments this year as a CCHCC volunteer.

Katerina began volunteering with CCHCC as a requirement of her Nonprofit Communication Management class. She began to work with me to better our dental programs: the Dental Referral Program, our program which provides discounted dental care to low-income, uninsured community members, and our former program Dr. Hawa's Dental Caring Clinic, a dental clinic that we were hosting twice monthly in our conference room to provide seniors with low-cost dental services.

While Katerina was only required to volunteer two hours weekly for her class internship, on the days that CCHCC would host dental clinics, she would come into the office for an additional four to five hours to ensure that the clinic would run smoothly. Last December, when her class came to an end, I was so pleased when Katerina told me that she had decided to continue volunteering with us.

During her time at CCHCC so far, Katerina has written educational materials about our dental programs that are distributed to community members, organized client files and program administrative materials, and worked directly with clients when they came to dental appointments at our bimonthly dental clinics. I have been continually impressed with the quality of work that she produces, and her professionalism with both clients and staff.

More recently, Katerina has been putting her Master's in Communications to use while working with me to recruit new dentists to expand the Dental Referral Program. Her expertise in public relations and marketing has been invaluable, and our efforts have paid off – this week we learned that a new dentist will be joining the Dental Referral Program!

As well as supporting our dental programs, Katerina has participated in CCHCC fundraising efforts by taking part in our Annual Phon-A-Thon, selling Raffle tickets, and stuffing envelopes during several mailings.

It has been a pleasure to work with Katerina thus far. For her commitment to the organization and our clients, and for her outstanding, diligent work as a volunteer, Katerina is a deserving recipient of the Henrietta De Boer Volunteer of the Year Award!