Domestic violence survivors

According to the American Psychological Association, nearly one in three adult women experience at least one domestic assault by a partner during adulthood, which translates into approximately 4 million American women who experience domestic violence during a 12-month period.

As a dentist in Kalama-zoo, Mich., Brett Magnuson, DDS, performs a spectrum of procedures designed to give his patients a fresh start in life. In cooperation with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), Magnuson dedicates his time and cosmetic dentistry expertise to the Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program, which provides free consultations and dental treatments for survivors of domestic violence.

The need is great for those affected by domestic violence, says Magnuson. “Through the Give Back a Smile program, AACD members like me assist those in need by treating any dental injuries sustained from domestic violence,” he says. “The AACD and I remain dedicated to helping these patients reclaim their smiles, their self-esteem, and ultimately, their lives.”

Victims of domestic violence who have suffered dental injuries can contact GRAS toll-free at (800) 773-GRAS (4227), or visit www.givebackasmile.com for more information. Survivors of domestic violence must make an appointment with a counselor, domestic violence advocate, social worker, or therapist to complete the application section of the GBAS application.

GBAS then reviews the application and turns it over to the dental professional who volunteers to provide treatment at no charge to the recipient.

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Findings provide a simple approach that can be easily used in all dental care settings.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four people in the United States affected with type 2 diabetes remains undiagnosed. And those with pre-diabetes are at an increased risk for type 2 diabetes and also for heart disease, stroke and other vascular conditions typical of individuals with diabetes.

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