

# Tualatin Rotary Presents Check to School House Pantry

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What happens to people of limited means when they have a toothache? If they are lucky, they will be treated at one of the dental vans operated by Medical Teams International, a Christian-based organization which provides emergency dental and medical care both locally and globally. And if you live in Tualatin, your chances of receiving needed dental care are better, thanks to the Rotary Club of Tualatin.

Tualatin Rotary presented a check for \$6,000 to Mike Shiffer from the Tualatin School House Pantry. The funds provide two dental van visits per month at our local community food bank, located in the basement of Rolling Hills Church.

Dr. Dale Canfield, a retired dentist, provides emergency care and restorative work to patients who otherwise cannot access dental services. The dental van visits several sites in the Portland area each month. Volunteers at the Tualatin School House Pantry maintain a list of people requesting dental services and select twelve patients each time the van visits. Calls are made and some rides are given to help folks get needed dental care.



Jeff Welsh with Tualatin Rotary presents check to Mike Shiffer from the Tualatin School House Pantry.

“I get a rush out of having the ability to relieve pain,” Dr. Dale told members of Tualatin Rotary at a recent luncheon where the check was presented. He believes he sees more patients now as a retired volunteer than he did in his practice. His goal is to make peoples’ lives better by providing vital dental care. Thanks to the donation from Tualatin Rotary, 24 local people per month will receive the healing attention they need.