

(L-R): Beth Wiand, Wiand Dental Laboratory; Laurissa, Surgical Assistant for Dr. Guyette; Dr. Robert Guyette; Brian, patient; Dr. Todd Mabry; Linda Parker Smith, Smile Beyond the Bars.

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THANKS TO DRs. TODD MABRY AND ROBERT GUYETTE, A PATIENT HAS ONE MORE REASON TO SMILE



Teaming up with Smiles Beyond the Bars (SBtB), Dr. Todd Mabry (general practice) and Dr. Robert Guyette (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery) helped restore the smile, the confidence, and the life of a former inmate named Brian over the course of 12 months.

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INTERVIEW WITH DR. TODD MABRY

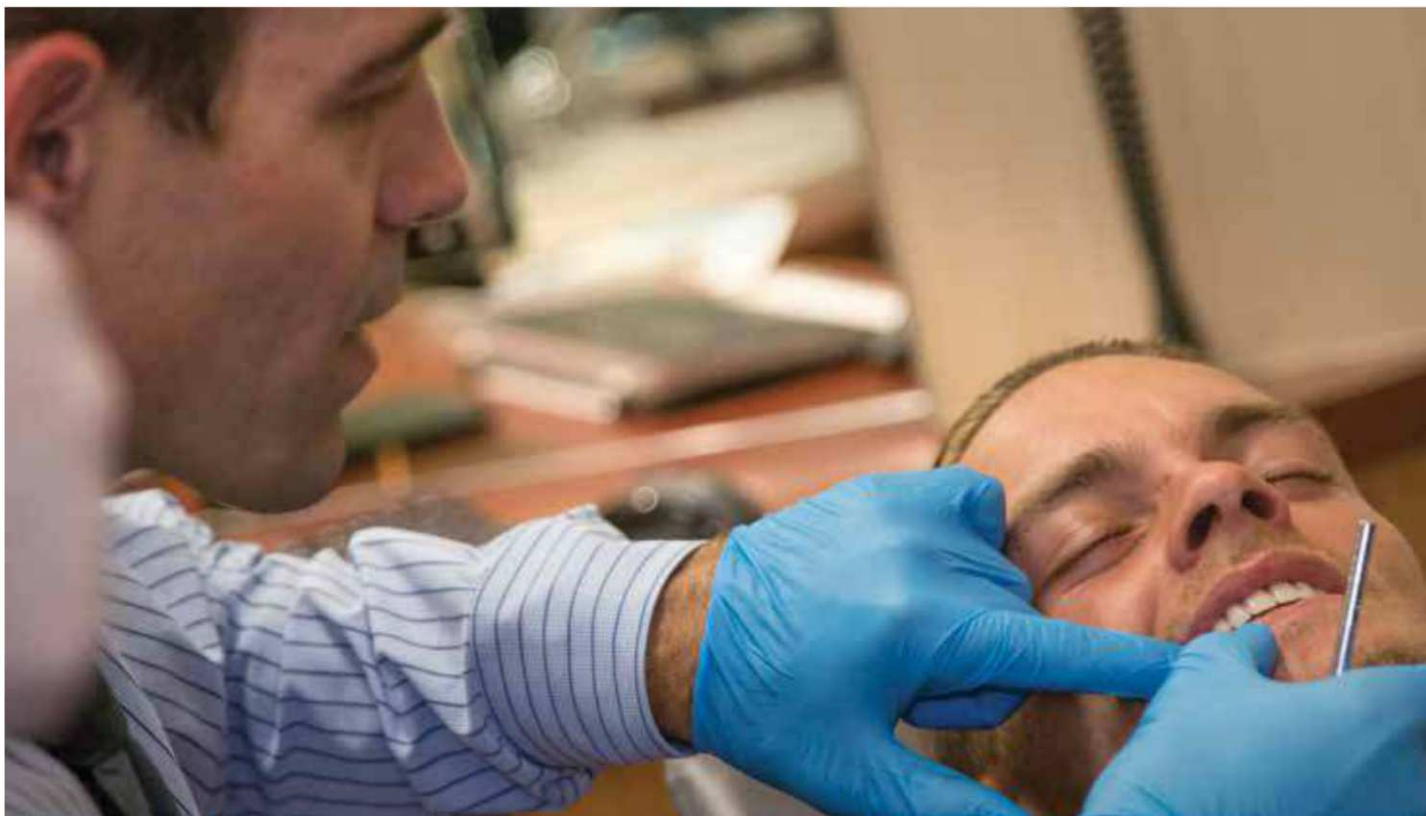
What is your professional background?

I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Arizona. I graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After receiving my Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree, I completed

my residency in Southern California. Upon completion of my studies, I returned home to Arizona and opened a Scottsdale practice in 2003.

What have you learned from volunteering with SBtB?

I have worked with SBtB for three years and have been on the board for half of that time. The experience has made me value all that my family has done for me over the years to allow



me to be able to give back to others. It has made me realize how lucky I am to be able to help others that are less fortunate.

What would you say to encourage your colleagues to give back?

I understand the challenges of managing a busy office and life. However, I really enjoy giving back to the community and SBtB will allow for you to provide dental care for less privileged in your own office.

How has giving back helped to make you a more successful dentist?

I do think that dental charity has helped me professionally in many ways! However I get more back from the patients I have helped than I give to them.

How do you balance patient flow and charitable care?

It may sound flippant, but just like everything in life: you just need to put it in your calendar and make it happen.

Are you involved in other charitable outreaches?

Yes, I am involved in several, but SBtB is my favorite because you get to see the patients from start to finish. Additionally, having the ability to provide care in your own office (with all the proper instruments) really helps out!

What encourages you about where dentistry is headed?

In a word, technology. Our job is getting easier with computers and technology. I had no idea in school how much computers were going to improve dental care. Its amazing to see where CAD/CAM dentistry is going!

What concerns you about where dentistry is headed?

Corporate dentistry—particularly non-dentist ownership of dental offices and insurance are big issues. I fear it will be harder and harder to get started in dentistry.

Why is Brian's case special to you?

Yes, I thoroughly enjoyed working on Brian's case! When he began treatment he was in a really bad place in life. Fast forward to today and his life has positively changed in so many ways. Brian has a promising job and his confident attitude and energy have returned. Most important, he can't stop smiling! It's been gratifying to see the transformation that has taken place with his life, and to have been a part of it.



INTERVIEW WITH DR. ROBERT GUYETTE

What is your personal and professional background?

I grew up in a small Midwestern river town (Ottawa, Illinois). My father was an engineer and played football for Notre Dame. He encouraged me to consider the dental or medical field.

My first passion was basketball. I attended the University of Kentucky on a basketball scholarship, majoring in pre-Dent, and played in the NCAA championship game against UCLA in 1975. UCLA coach, John Wooden, announced his retirement the night before the finals. We lost that game but I gained a mentor and role model in Coach Wooden. Considered by many to be the best basketball coach in the history of the game, he was also a humble and gracious man and an inspiration to all who met him, including me.

Upon graduation from Kentucky I decided to delay my dental/medical career. I was drafted in the NBA and the old ABA but decided to accept an offer to play professional basketball for FC Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain. I spent five great years there traveling with the team throughout Western Europe, the Middle East and Communist countries behind the Iron Curtain. Gina, who I had met while at Kentucky, and I, married after my second year in Spain. We immensely enjoyed the people, culture, food and lifestyle in Barcelona. However, a back injury during my last year forced us to consider our next move.

I applied to and was accepted at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. During my third year, I was introduced to Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and found my calling. I was fascinated by the new surgical techniques that were being developed to treat patients with severe facial injuries and to correct facial skeletal deformities. These were truly life altering procedures. By my fourth year of dental school, I also knew that I want-



In a light balanced studio room in his office, Dr. Guyette takes final front and profile photos of patient Brian

ed to expand my practice beyond the standard scope of oral surgery so I applied to the four programs in the US that offered a medical degree in combination with OMFS residency training. I was accepted at the University of Alabama, so Gina and I and our first two sons packed the U-Haul and moved to Birmingham.

During medical school at UAB, I decided to do my trauma rotation at Banner Samaritan in Phoenix. At that time, my brother-in-law, Dr. Tom Wachtel, was Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Good Samaritan, as it was known at the time, Director of Trauma and the General Surgery residency program. He was a great mentor. After looking at several other areas of the country, we decided to move the family to the Phoenix area and begin my practice in Facial and Oral surgery.

I opened both our Scottsdale and West Valley offices in 1989. I joined the staff of five Valley hospitals and went to work meeting dentist colleagues and building our practice. As a sole practitioner and father of three boys, life was busy.

In 1998, we opened our current Scottsdale office and surgery center. It was designed specifically to provide facial and oral surgery procedures with either IV sedation or general anesthesia. Our practice is focused on functional and esthetic surgery of the face and mouth.

Has giving back helped to make you a more successful dentist?

Success means different things to different people. The older I get, the less it is about doing new procedures and the more it is about developing positive relationships with patients. The joy in what we do comes from positively impacting patients lives, even if it is something as simple as making an injection of local anesthesia less painful than what your patient expected. Volunteering gives us the opportunity to help some of the people who need it the most.

Why is Brian's case special to you?

Brian's case is special to me because it personalized the plight of those who have been incarcerated. Before, it was an abstract idea. I have not worked in the prison system and have only treated a few prisoners for acute dental needs. I have learned that when given the chance, some people can turn their lives around and make a significant contribution.

I have watched Brian carefully over the past eight months. He has gone from being quiet and somewhat unsure of himself to becoming more engaging and confident.

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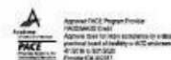
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