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Rhode Island Free Clinic Receives \$1,000 Donation from CCRI Student Dental Hygienists' Association

Providence, RI:

On Monday, May 12, the Dental Department at the Rhode Island Free Clinic was presented with a donation of \$1,000 at the Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony. The Student Dental Hygienists' Association presented the gift in recognition of Pedro Madera, RDH, PHDH, for his dedication to the Dental Hygiene Externship Program. Each year, 2nd year Dental Hygiene students rotate through the clinic for an 8- week period. During this time, under Pedro Madera's, RDH, PHDH, expert mentorship, 144 patients received high-quality dental care. The students benefitted greatly from his clinical guidance and expertise in both Radiology and Dental Hygiene practice.

About Rhode Island Free Clinic

Founded in 1998, the Rhode Island Free Clinic has served as a comprehensive medical home to uninsured, low-income Rhode Island adults, and serves as an educational training site for aspiring health care professionals through partnerships with Rhode Island's leading academic partners for over 26 years. Services include primary care, dental, specialty care, physical and occupational therapy, wellness education, and prescription medication -- all free to vulnerable Rhode Islanders. On the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2022 the Clinic served over 9,000 vulnerable RI adults, to keep our community safe and well. Learn more by visiting www.riFreeClinic.org.

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