



PUENTE

The Trusted Bridge to Independence



Our Vision

The South Coast region is an **inclusive** and **thriving** community where people embrace **diversity** and **equity**.

Our Mission

Puente fosters **wellness** and **prosperity** on the San Mateo County South Coast communities of Pescadero, La Honda, Loma Mar, and San Gregorio by **promoting** and **advocating** for equitable access to **education**, **health**, and **economic security**.

Our Values

- Build equity
- Claim justice for all
- Be transparent
- Elevate trust
- Share strength



Population of Interest

Puente serves **everyone** who lives or works in Pescadero, La Honda, Loma Mar, and San Gregorio **regardless of immigration status**. Our focus is on creating equitable opportunities for:

- Farmworkers
- Low-income households
- Children 0 to 5 years
- Students and parents in the local school district
- First generation college students
- Seniors



Expanded Dental Clinic for the South Coast



Our partner: Sonrisas Dental Health

Our Mission and Vision



We are a *non-profit dental center* dedicated to providing access to quality dental care and oral health education to our community. We provide these services with dignity, respect and compassion.



Our vision is that every adult and child in San Mateo County has a dental home, including those with physical, developmental, or economic challenges.

The Partnership Over the Years

Sonrisas History on the South Coast



- **Early 2000's to 2015**

- First farmworker mobile dental services provided
- First contracts with San Mateo Medical Center to treat farmworkers
- Sonrisas provides oral health kits to South Coast schools and Puente

- **2016-Present**

- Sonrisas awarded multi three-year contracts to provide dental care to farmworkers
- Oral Health education, in partnership with Puente, continues in South Coast communities
- Clinic moved to La Honda in 2022
- Current mobile equipment no longer supported

421 unique low-income South Coast residents have had 4,154 visits

Since 2016, when electronic records implemented

Puente and Sonrisas Partnership has existed for over 20 years. This project will further expand our successful collaboration.

Watch this [video](#) to learn more.

South Coast Dental Needs

3,600
Residents

1,014 enrolled
in Medi-Cal

219 utilizing
Medi-Cal Dental
(22%)

Sonrisas serves
241 patients
(81 MCD)

~ 800 Medi-Cal
patients without
Dental Home



Clinic Overview

Clinic Physical Details

Dental RV:

- 35-39' RV with two dental chairs
- Wheelchair lift

Dental Providers:

- Year 1, 4 dentist days/week
- Year 2, add 2 hygienist days/week

Location:

- Pescadero – on Puente North Housing Land

Other Details:

- 220 hook up
- RV driver and maintenance through contract with Puente
- Utilize Puente Promotora services as appropriate

Clinic Visits

Current: 400 visits/Year for Farmworkers

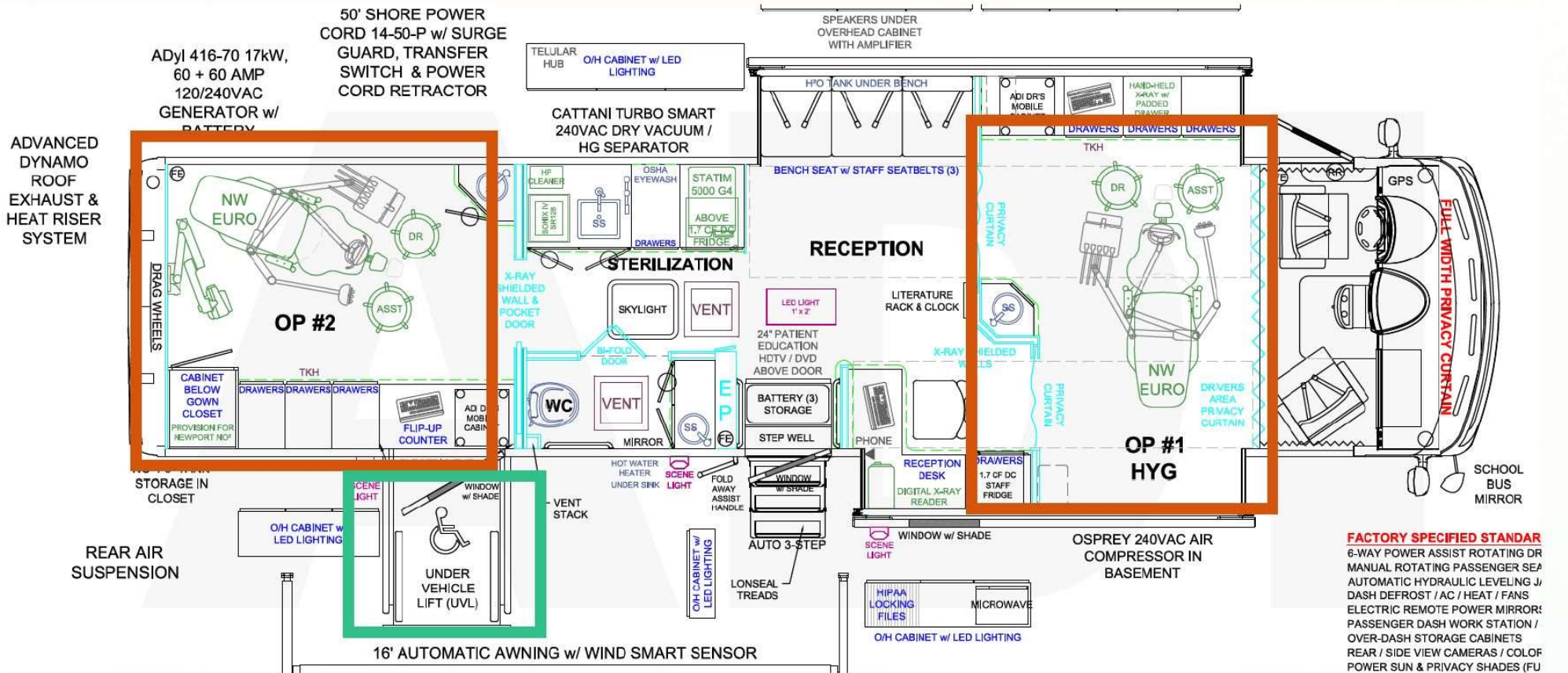
Year 1 with Dental RV: 1,300/Year

Year 2 and beyond with Dental RV: 1,990/Year

5.X Visits with New RV

Clinic will serve farmworkers and will prioritize serving new patients with Medi-Cal. All new patients will be low-income, with limited exceptions.

The Mobile Clinic Layout



Funding Need

\$725,000 Capital Campaign

\$555,000 for Dental Van, Dental Equipment and other capital expenses

\$170,000 for Provider recruiting and other start up expenses

We are seeking **partnerships** to expand access to dental care in this rural community



37FT TWO ROOM WITH LAB MOBILE MEDICAL
CLINIC WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Mobile Dental RV Timeline

