

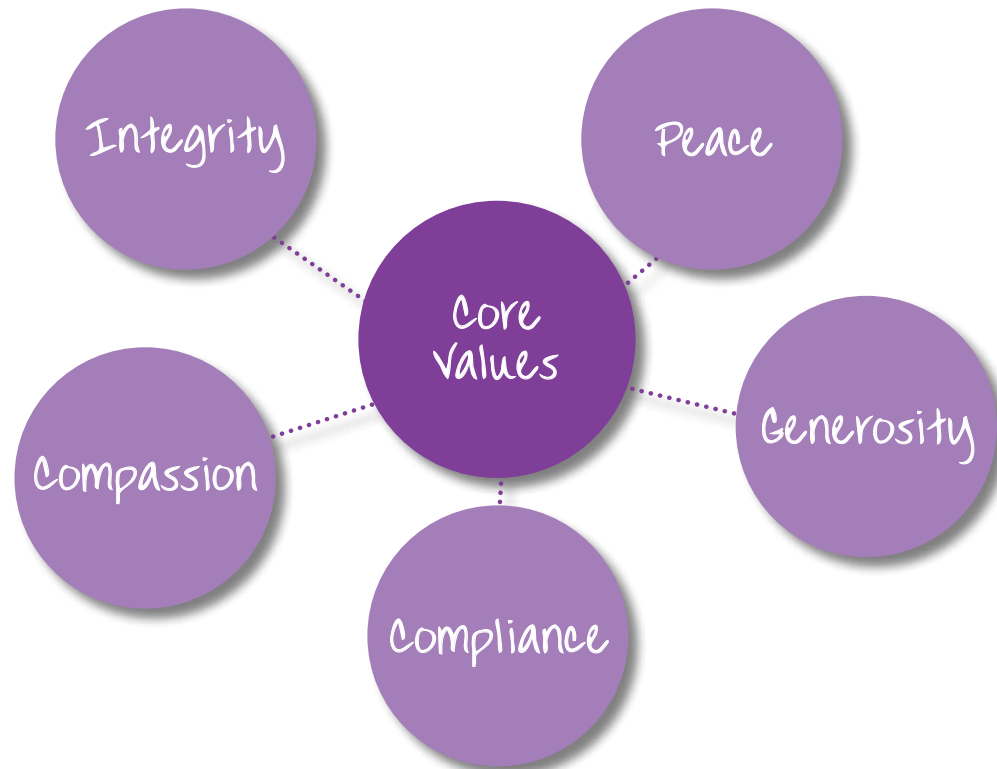
What We Stand For:

Vision

Restore a Smile, Restore a Life

Mission

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation assists in rebuilding the smiles and lives of adults who've suffered dental injuries from domestic and sexual violence, through compassionate cosmetic dental services and support programs.



Donate Now:

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization – Tax ID #39-1800450
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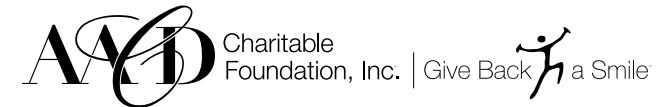


Give Back a Smile:

Healing Effects of Domestic and Sexual Violence One Smile at a Time

The first punch Barbara took from her husband shattered three of her teeth. But he was just getting warmed up.

Over the course of their 18-year marriage, she was kicked, thrown down stairs, and verbally abused. Her life took an even darker turn when he locked her in the basement, where she was denied food and raped as punishment for trying to stand up to him.



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... Yet even after Barbara found the courage to leave her husband, her suffering didn't end. Like many abuse survivors, she continued to be victimized by her abuser each time she looked in the mirror. Her missing teeth hadn't just **destroyed her smile—they destroyed her self-esteem**. . . her willingness to leave the house. . . and her ability to find employment.

Once Barbara found the **strength to leave** her abusive spouse for good, she was referred to the Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program. Established by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) Charitable Foundation in 1999, GBAS is the **only national program** that restores smiles of those who've experienced dental damage to the front teeth by the hands of a former intimate partner, family member or due to sexual assault.

These services are provided free through the GBAS network of AACD member volunteer cosmetic dentists and support team of laboratories.

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While Barbara's story has a happy ending, there are still more victims...and more abusers. Even as you read this, there's an unsuspecting woman out there who is about to brutally lose her smile. **But you can help.**

It costs around \$400 for one survivor of domestic or sexual violence to regain her smile through the GBAS program which is leveraged more than 20 times in donated dental services.

To truly understand what this program and your financial support can accomplish, let Barbara tell it in her own words: “Because of the wonderful Give Back a Smile program, **I have a new life** to live. It gave me back my smile and much more than that!”

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The Impact of Domestic and Sexual Violence

- **1 in 4 women** will experience domestic violence in their lifetime
- Every **2 minutes**, another American is **sexually assaulted**
- 3 women are **murdered** every day by a current or former intimate partner in the U.S.
- “He told me he **broke my tooth** so other men wouldn't find me attractive.”
- “It was the day after Valentines when the man I thought loved me **shot me** at close range.”
- “I woke up to him **ripping my teeth out** with a pliers.”

The Impact You Can Make

- Your financial contribution will directly **support smile restorations**
- **200 smiles are being restored** currently
- More than 1,400 smiles restored since 1999
- For just **\$1 a day**, you could help **restore the smile and life** of a survivor of domestic or sexual violence
- Your support will help GBAS recipients **obtain higher education**
- “My experience has made me see that people do care about where we have been and where we're going. I smile a lot more and my **self-esteem has skyrocketed.**”

Bruises and scars fade, but teeth cannot repair themselves. Please invest in healing the physical damage of domestic and sexual violence by supporting the **Give Back a Smile** program today.

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Actual GBAS program recipient shown on this page. Program statistics as of 2015.