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# GRAPES & GRINS

A GALA FOR SMILES EVENT  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

## 2024 GALA FOR SMILES

The Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation hosted its annual “Grapes & Grins” Gala on Saturday, August 17th at Chateau Elan Winery & Resort in Braselton. It was a truly wonderful evening of wine tasting, a thrilling live and silent auction, live music under the twinkle lights, fellowship and most importantly, raising money for non-profit dental clinics of Atlanta.

Dr. Heather McGee had the honor of presenting her friend and colleague, Dr. Ryan Vaughn with The Michael T. Rainwater, Dentist of the Year award. This award was created in 1971 to recognize a member of the Northern District Dental Society who has contributed significantly to the progress of dental health and the dental profession, and who has demonstrated good citizenship by participation in worthwhile community affairs.

Dr. Ryan Vaughn, our special honoree, was celebrated throughout the evening as the Dentist of the Year.



**Heather McGee, DMD, presented friend Ryan Vaughn, DMD with the 2024 Dentist of the Year award.**



*Thank you*

**The success of the 2024 Gala for Smiles would not have been possible without the hard work of our Gala Committee!**

*Pictured (left to right):  
Jordan Blankenship-Sniker,  
DMD - Chair  
Jennie Austin, DMD  
Kara Kramer, DMD  
Not pictured: Liz Galazka*



**Past Dentists of the Year present at the 2024 Gala for Smiles (from Left to Right): Tom Jagor, DDS, Ben Jernigan, DMD, Henry Benson Jr., DDS, Jeff Kendrick, DMD, Sidney Tourial, DDS and Bob O'Donnell, DDS.**



Ethnē Dental, our 2024 clinic highlight, was well represented!



Even a sudden downpour couldn't wash away the magic of this evening! Many guests took advantage of the spontaneous double rainbow for a beautiful backdrop.

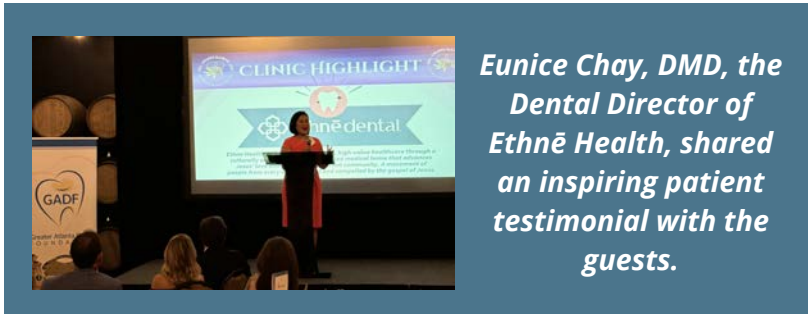




# CLINIC HIGHLIGHT



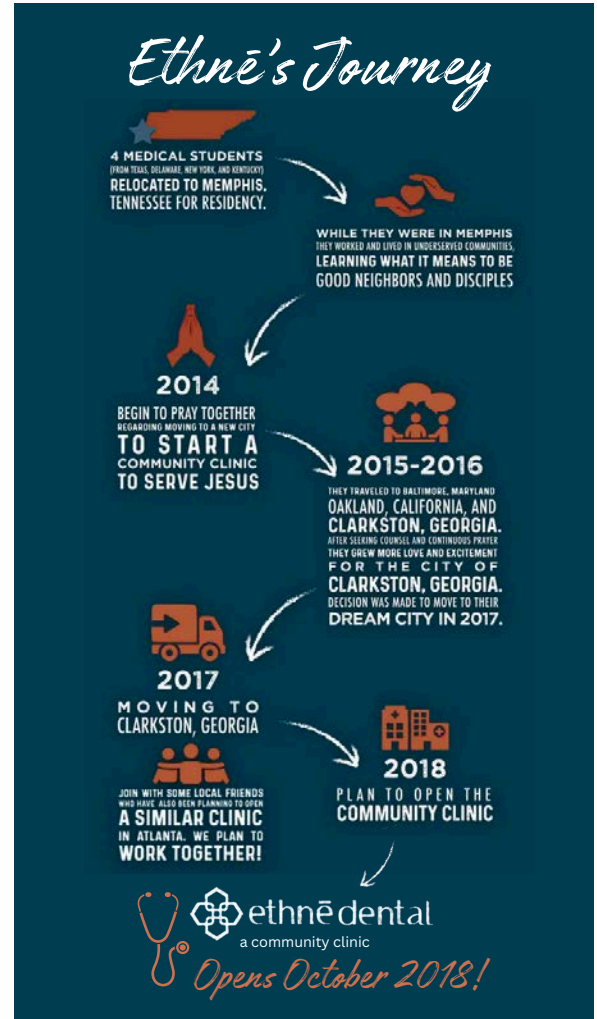
Each year, the Gala Committee selects a Dental Clinic to highlight. This year we were proud to honor Ethnē Health. Ethnē delivers comprehensive, high-value healthcare through a culturally sensitive, neighbor-centered medical home that advances Jesus' love and justice in our vibrant community. A movement of people from every ethnē, healed and compelled by the gospel of Jesus.



*Eunice Chay, DMD, the Dental Director of Ethnē Health, shared an inspiring patient testimonial with the guests.*

In addition to Ethnē Health, the GADF was honored to have the following clinics in attendance. Each of the clinics were presented, by our dentists, with a donation to their clinics:

- Good Samaritan Health Centers of Atlanta
- Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett
- DDD Foundation
- Good News Clinics - Green Warren Dental Clinic
- Ben Massell Dental Clinic



## DDD Foundation



*Pictured: Mario Hunt, Dr. Deidra Rondeno, Dr. Jordan Blankenship-Sniker, Shawnda Hayes, Lilian Cedano, and Dr. Diamond Enyinnia.*



## VIP EVENT

At this year's gala, our VIP guests were treated to an exclusive experience, featuring a sommelier-led tour of the production facilities, a curated wine bar tasting, and complimentary light bites.

With the help of our incredibly generous attendees and sponsors, the 2024 Gala for Smiles was an incredible evening of fellowship and philanthropy. We hope you'll join us next year!

## LIVE AUCTION

You could feel the excitement once the live auction began. From "glamping" in the Grand Canyon to exploring the stunning vineyards and picturesque villages of the Douro Valley and nearby Porto, Portugal, there was no shortage of appealing vacations for which to raise your auction paddle! The evening's entertainment was enriched by the captivating sounds of flamenco music, expertly performed by a solo guitarist who set the tone for a memorable night.

This year, we also introduced a new and exciting feature – the "Wine Pull" to complement the winery theme. With the promise that "Everyone is a Winner," guests pulled corks to win bottles of wine corresponding to the numbers on their corks. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, many of these bottles were high-quality wines valued far beyond the cost of the corks. The Wine Pull proved to be a huge hit, selling out all the corks and netting a significant win for our beneficiaries.



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# GDA NEWS & EVENTS

## GDA 2024 CONTINUING EDUCATION FALL CONFERENCE

November 8-9, 2024  
Peachtree City, GA  
Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta  
Hotel & Conference Center

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**NOVEMBER 8 - 9**

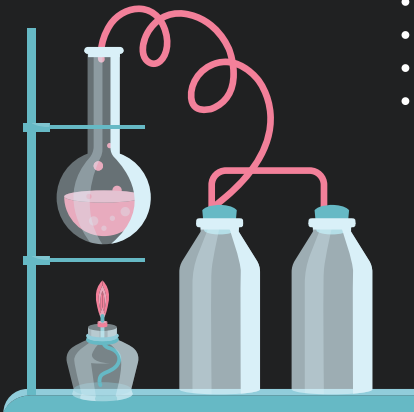
**HILTON PEACHTREE CITY ATLANTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**

## PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING

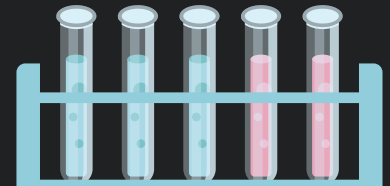
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**

The GDA is proud to offer this one-day course for you and your dental teams. It is one of only three Phlebotomy/Venipuncture Courses for Dental Assistants and/or licensed Dental Hygienists approved by the Georgia Board of Dentistry.

- 8-hour course
- Provide introductory education and skills for phlebotomy and venipuncture
- Will learn about platelet rich factor, infection control, biomedical waste and dental emergencies
- Combination of interactive lecture and hands-on practical activities
- Will be restricted to 24 participants supported by one instructor and three clinical assistants



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## The MATE Act from the DEA - The GDA Has You Covered!

In May 2023, the GDA hosted a four-part webinar series to help members meet the DEA MATE training requirements. Those recordings are now available 24/7 to watch on-demand.

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