



Carolyn Weiss, Thunder Bay, Ontario

For the past twenty-six years, Carolyn Weiss has been working as a registered Dental Hygienist here in Thunder Bay. Sixteen of those years were spent in a comfortable and well-established family dental environment with a large clientele. Four years ago, she stepped away and launched her new independent venture “Carolyn Weiss Dental Hygiene and Mobile Services” Over the years she had witnessed a major gap within our health care system for individuals living with physical and/or mental barriers to accessing much needed oral health care. She designed her practice to meet those needs by offering dental hygiene and oral care services in the comfort of their homes. She has brought back the ‘house call’. She visits people, of all ages, who are faced with complicated medical histories at any stage of life. Carolyn ensures they receive professional oral care while allowing them to remain in their most ideal environment which in many cases is the comfort of their own home. She regularly consults and engages with their doctor and or dentist as needed, to ensure continuity of care. Another vulnerable segment of our senior population experiencing this huge gap is those living in our Long-Term Care system. Though many challenges have presented along the way, she was fortunate to have developed valuable partnerships and support systems within the medical community, building trust not only with her clients but with Administrators and staff at many of the long-term care homes here in Thunder Bay. These relationships have been achieved and nurtured through a common goal of caring for the specific oral needs of people who may not otherwise have access to this much-needed care. She is directly positioned to ensure professional quality oral care which is completely customized for each client. This allows her to address their oral health needs while ensuring they are treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.

She has provided donations of oral health care aids for many local organizations such as The Basketeers Campaign with Royal LePage Lannon Realty, Forget Me Not Gifts, and Christmas Hamper supporting Indige-Spheres to Empowerment. In addition, she continues to support the Underground Gym with both oral care aids and monetary donations. She strongly believes the collaboration of organizations working together, in any way possible,



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makes our community healthier and a better place to live. Carolyn has also co-authored two separate articles published in Wound Care Canada, the official publication of the Canadian Association of Wound Care Journal. Currently, she is working with colleagues as a co-author, rewriting Chapter 52, Palliative Care, in the upcoming 6th Edition of Darby and Walsh Dental Hygiene Textbook. This book is used by our local Confederation College students and many other colleges across the country. Finally, Carolyn is a wife and proud mother of three almost grown boys and is an active skier and marathon runner.



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