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## TEACHING ORAL HEALTH IN THE VILLAGE OF HOPE

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Fellow Diana Uncuta (center in pink) with Fellow Burton Horwitz (2nd from left), dental students, staff and patients at the Moldova office of the exchange program.

## 16 YEARS OF STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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**T**he UNC Dental School, Chapel Hill - Moldova exchange program, established in 2000, is a partnership between State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu", bringing the dental students from the two countries together. The biggest advantage in this experience is to share new methods, techniques of the treatment and scientific researches in the field. This parallel raises our own levels of knowledge, and improves practical skills and theoretical knowledge about dentistry.

The program provides free dental medical treatment for children and orphans. By this way, many of them have regained a beautiful smile. The most important result we've received is helping to restore human kindness in children, giving them the confidence that they will succeed in life and in work, even if they are less fortunate.

I was inspired by the energy, ideas and enthusiasm of remarkable persons and skilled dentists. Dentistry is an international profession and passion. We have worked together with our USA



**INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION** Patients in Moldova, along with USA and Moldova dental students, USA Fellow Dr. Horwitz (2nd from right), and Associate Professor from the Public Institution State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Dr. Alexandra Baraniuc (far right).

counterparts, Drs. Cheryl Siegel, Stephen Mackler and Burton Horwitz, Susan Weiss a photographer, and Alayna Galbraith, a dental assistant of Dr. Horwitz.

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