

Donation helps provide dental care for all



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Dominion Foundation donated \$2,500 to Tioga Dental Services (TDS) on Aug. 13 to help reopen a dental clinic in Lawrenceville for patients without private health insurance. The clinic, closed for months, accepts medical assistance and offers a sliding scale billing system for the uninsured. Board members expect the clinic to reopen in October. Shown in the picture are (from left): Ellen Krajewski, executive director, Northcentral Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center; Ron Butler, CEO, Laurel Health System; Rep. Matt Baker; John Frith, regional affairs manager, Dominion Resource Services Company; Tioga County Commissioners Mark Hamilton and Erick Coolidge; and Chuck Dillon, field representative for Sen. Joe Scarnati. This summer, Dominion Foundation donated \$1 million to free clinics throughout their 14-state service area, including \$100,000 to 16 clinics in Pennsylvania. The foundation is the charitable division of Dominion Resource Services Company. Frith was the local administrator for the grants. The county commissioners, Baker and Scarnati helped him to find an eligible clinic which could receive the money. Krajewski and Butler are on the TDS Board of Directors. TDS is an independent not for profit corporation and is not affiliated with Laurel, but Laurel provides space for the TDS dental clinic without charge as an in-kind contribution toward providing dental care for everyone.