

Give Kids a SMILE

March 2012 Newsletter



Volunteers at the Good Samaritan Dental Clinic in Rochester served 73 children on Give Kids a Smile day, then referred children on to four local dental specialists for further treatment. Above: State Senator Carla Nelson, Carrie Stucky and Chris Lindquist, DDS, with a 4-year-old patient. Left: Mike Lose, DDS, (sitting), Garth West, DDS, (standing) and Shannon Borgen, RDA.

10 years of service, smiles

On the 10th anniversary of "Give Kids a Smile" in Minnesota, thousands of volunteers again stepped forward to provide free dental care for children in need. In all, 2,719 volunteers - including 536 dentists - cared for more than 5,000 children.

Dental professionals are at the heart of a broad network of agencies, schools and businesses that pulls together each year to make this charitable program a success for so many children.

Just one example of this collective impact is in Hastings, where Tara Donohue-Weiss, Executive Director at United Way Hastings, coordinates with

five local dental offices to help line up treatment for 150 children.

"We work closely with everyone in the community," says Donohue-Weiss. "I work with the dental offices, the school district and any other organization involved in getting the word out and signing children up."

Practitioners agree that progress and improvement are evident in the health of the children's teeth and gums, as well as just all-around better daily oral hygiene.

Donohue-Weiss believes this is because the volunteers make education a

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Give Kids a Smile is a charitable outreach event coordinated each year by the Minnesota Dental Association.

To all the volunteers, community members and organizations who make this event a success, the MDA extends a big **"Thank You!"**

Next year's event will be on Feb. 1 and 2. Until then, please stay in touch by finding "Give Kids a Smile - Minnesota" on Facebook.



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Thank you, dentists!

The following dentists donated their time, talents and resources to Give Kids a Smile:

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The following community-based clinics hosted events:

Lake Superior College Dental Hygiene Clinic, Duluth; Children's Dental Services, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center Dental Clinic, Sharing and Caring Hands Dental Clinic, Community University Health Care Center, N.I.P. Community Clinic, and University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, all of Minneapolis; Century College Dental Institute, White Bear Lake; St. Joseph's Community Dental Clinic, Park Rapids; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount; Rice Regional Dental Clinic, Willmar; St. Cloud Technical College Dental Clinic; Caring Hands Dental Clinic, Alexandria; Central Lakes College, Brainerd; Normandale Community College Clinic, Bloomington; Good Samaritan Dental Clinic, and Rochester Community and Technical College, both Rochester; Apple Tree Dental of Hawley and Fergus Falls.

Special thanks to: Metro Dentalcare, Midwest Dental, and Park Dental, which coordinated events at multiple sites.

Network of supporters creates a collective impact for children

priority.

“The dental professionals really take time to teach kids how to brush and

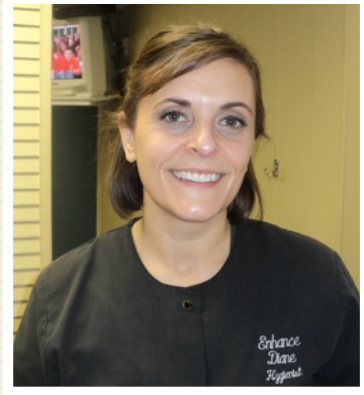
the importance of good dental hygiene. Their insistence is obviously working as we are seeing healthier teeth every year,” she says.

The collaborative effort is evident in many other ways, as well. The MDA coordinates with about 400 individuals at schools, public health agencies and community organizations to make sure children in need know about the opportunity for free care.



To fill as many appointments as possible, WCCO-TV graciously hosted a phone bank during an evening news broadcast in January. The phones were expertly staffed by: Front, from left: Carol Embertson, MDA; Kendra Davis, United Way 2-1-1; David Oltmans, DDS, and Sue Loye, both of CityScape Dental Arts in Minneapolis. Back, from left: Stephanie Leclair, MDA; Justin Jewison, RDH, and Jack Churchill, DDS, both of Churchill Dental in Minneapolis. Business partners **3M ESPE Dental Products** and **HealthPartners** provide the funding for this valuable partnership with **WCCO-TV**.

On a statewide basis, **United Way 2-1-1** has continuously served as a critical partner, making 1,382 referrals in January to parents who call the



Diane Larson, RDH, pitched in at Dr. Michael Colbert's clinic in Maple Grove. She was one of many volunteers dispatched by **Dental Experts**, a St. Paul-based dental staffing agency, that collectively donated 250 hours.



Miranda Rogers, RDH, was one of four lucky winners of a **Philips Sonicare** DiamondClean brush, donated as a volunteer incentive by Philips' Minnesota field sales representative, **Megan Hood**.

A collage of five photographs of children smiling. The photos are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The children are of various ethnicities and ages, all appearing happy and healthy.

“There is a huge weight lifted,” mother of four young children. The family lost its dental insurance. She heard about “Give Kids a Smile” on Facebook.

Smiles by the number

"We felt that this experience was empowering and motivating. It was amazing to see the response within the community. We wish we could have accommodated all those who called. We look forward to next year!"

-- Tanya Benoit,
Midwest Dental, St. Cloud

Dentists ▶ 536

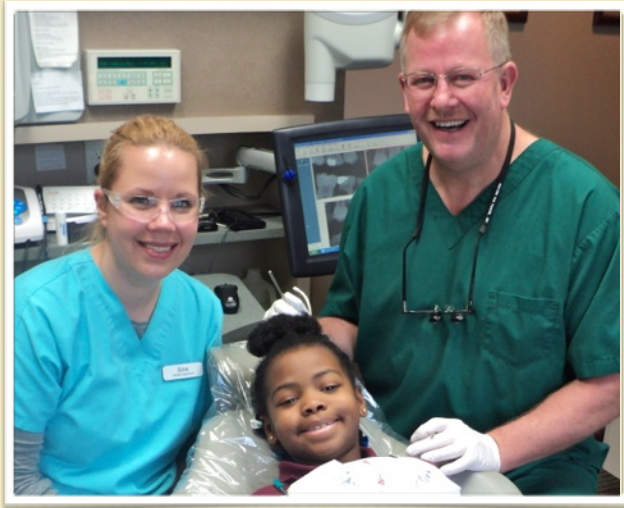
Dental clinics ▶ 180

Children ▶ 5,141

Total dental professionals ▶ 2,719

Smile Factory (after care) **clinics** ▶ 14

Monetary value ▶ \$2 million



Todd Johnson, DDS, and Gina Oftos, RDH, of Ascent Family Dentistry in Columbia Heights share a laugh with a cavity-free patient.



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