

Give Kids a SMILE

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Chomper the Chipmunk gets ready to provide a toothbrush demonstration for this patient at Gentle Dentistry in New Hope, where volunteers from all 14 clinic locations came together and treated 34 children. They described their event as "awesome" and said that helping kids in need was very heartwarming, while the event served as a great team building activity.

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!

~ George Elliston

Kindness warmed the hearts of so many deserving children and families during this year's Give Kids a Smile event, the Minnesota Dental Association's charitable dental event for kids that happens annually on the first Friday and Saturday of February. One-hundred and sixty four clinics, including six Smile Factory Clinics, participated this year. According to the 84% of clinics that completed the post-event tally, much-needed treatment was provided to well over 3,000 young patients.

As Traci Munson, who took her son to St. Cloud Technical & Community College, reported to the St. Cloud Times, "It's a gift to the parents. It's a total relief. You feel like you're doing your job as a parent, getting your kids' teeth taken care of."

To continue with the spirit of giving and kindness, Bridge to Benefits and Second Harvest Heartland participated in Give Kids a Smile for the fourth consecutive year. Bridge to Benefits is an initiative

by Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota to increase awareness and participation in public work support programs and federal and state tax credits. Second Harvest, a Bridge to Benefits partner, provided five volunteers to conduct Bridge to Benefits screenings at four Give Kids a Smile locations to determine if any households would qualify for support programs. Of twenty-six households screened, which included nearly 60 individuals, all were found to be eligible for one or more programs including, SNAP, medical assistance, and energy assistance. "Twenty-six families were helped that may not have gotten assistance otherwise. We are grateful for Bridge to Benefits and Second Harvest Heartland for their enthusiasm to help out again this year," said MDA Executive Director Carmelo Cinqueonce. "We are also grateful to the numerous volunteers who help make Give Kids a Smile a tremendous success," added Cinqueonce.



Thank you dentists!

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Giving Smiles, Giving Hearts



The Give Kids a Smile program has been active in Minnesota since 2003, with many dentists and clinics participating for all, or most, of the past 14 years. When asked what the event means to them and why they find it fulfilling to continue to participate, this is what they had to say.

"As always, we are happy to help children. Regardless of what, who, how, why, we know we helped in some way to make sure a child is being taken care of and that is the most important take away from the event."

*~Event Coordinator Laura Toth
Martin Dentistry, 8 years*

"Providing dental care to kids whose parents would otherwise be unable to afford it is very rewarding. In addition, it serves as a reminder to all of us of what the main reason is most of pursued this profession; to help and be of service to others. Most of us in dentistry have been very blessed and it is one small way of giving something back to those less fortunate. Furthermore, I might have a mutiny by my team if we didn't participate, for they believe strongly in helping out these families."

*~ Richard W. Dresser D.D.S.,
Dresser Family Dentistry, 12 years*

"GKAS is an important event in our office because it serves as a reminder to the entire staff about the main goal of dentistry which is to provide services to all patients that will help them maintain good oral and

overall health, and promote healthy habits for a lifetime. We participate every year because we know there are many families for which the above goals are unknown or unachievable due to financial or other barriers, and because it is an excellent way to connect with the community and help to highlight the shortcomings in the healthcare system. This year we met with many grateful parents who are working very hard to ensure their children are able to receive the gift of a healthy smile and it was refreshing to see that these parents believed dentistry was important."

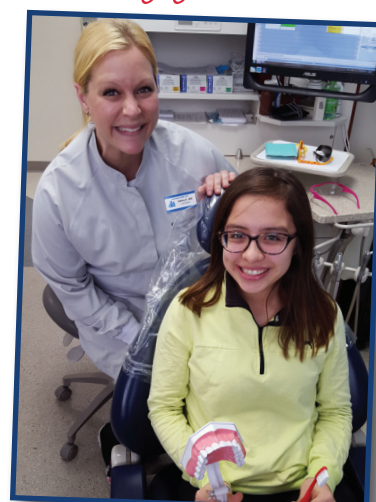
*~ Monique Baune, D.M.D.
Strait Smiles, 10 years*

"We have a lot of fun as an office doing it in our practice. It has become a tradition that we all look forward to."

*~ Tasha Strait, D.D.S.
Strait Smiles, 10 years*



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Smiles by the Numbers

It all adds up to 3,230 kids, served by 351 dentists and 1,826 total dental volunteers.

Estimated monetary value is \$1.7 million. *

*84% of clinics reporting