

# Give Kids a **SMILE**

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**Dental Experts**, a Minnesota dental staffing agency, works with the Minnesota Dental Association to help make sure clinics are fully staffed with volunteers and ready to serve children.

**Thank you to these and countless other community partners across the state!**



Amber Roe, dental hygiene student at Lake Superior College in Duluth, was one of 44 volunteers who provided free exams, cleanings, fluoride, sealants and restorative care to 61 children in need.

## Smiles by the Thousands

Imagine the Saints' old Midway Stadium with the bleachers filled with beautiful, smiling children. Collectively, that's the impact of Give Kids a Smile, the Minnesota Dental Association's annual charitable program just for children. This year's event, on Feb. 6 and 7, served about 4,000 children.

"If you could see those thousands of kids gathered in one place, it would be an overwhelming sight. Instead, you'll find them in schools and communities throughout Minnesota, free to smile without embarrassment, free of pain," says Carmelo Cinqueonce, Executive Director of the Association. "I hope each and every one of the more than 2,400 volunteers who made this happen are as proud as I am of this accomplishment. To serve our youngest, most vulnerable is truly an honor."



"Give Kids a Smile" is a charitable outreach event coordinated each year by the Minnesota Dental Association. Next year's event is Feb. 5 & 6. Learn more at [mndental.org](http://mndental.org).

# A special thanks to these dentists, who volunteered with Give Kids a Smile 2015!

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## We asked volunteers: What memory stands out from your Give Kids a Smile event?

**Anupam Gatecha, BDS**  
**Reflections Dental Care,**  
**Brooklyn Park**

At the end of cleaning patients' teeth, we gave them a toothbrush and toothpaste. One of the patients looked inside the bag and was extremely excited, as he never had his 'own' brush. That was a heart-melting event for everybody in my office. It was mixed emotions from everybody. But, at the end of the day, we felt good.

**Cindy Upton, Clinic Coordinator**  
**Lake Superior College Dental Hygiene,**  
**Duluth**

One that sticks out for me is when a mother of a 10-year-old boy stopped me and said that this is the best experience her son has had going to the dentist.

**Nicole Novitzki, RDA**  
**Pearl Dental, Sauk Rapids**

We saw two children who were refugees from Somalia. This was their first dental appointment, and they were so thankful that we could see them.

**Craig Adelman, DDS**  
**Adelman Dentistry, Savage**

We had a patient who came over from Ukraine to escape the war and had not had much dental care. He and his father were very appreciative of the services we provided for them.

## 13 years into program, extent of dental disease in children still alarms providers

Thousands of Minnesota children receive free dental treatment at participating Give Kids a Smile locations. And each year — and this year in particular — the amount of decay and the lack of regular dental care leaves volunteers concerned.

"All of our patients had numerous areas of decay, some quite deep," says Michael Furey, DDS, of Furey Dental Group in North Oaks. "Many of our patients had not seen a dentist in the past."

Like others this year, Furey's clinic decided to go above and beyond, continuing treatment on all patients over time until their treatment was complete.

MDA President Daniel Rose, DDS, hosted a Give Kids a Smile event at his clinic in Pillager.

"We saw one family with four children and all had extensive caries, including permanent first molars that will need to be extracted. The children told us that they did not have any toothbrushes at home," says Rose. "The MDA works to improve public policy for all children in the state. It's top of mind, all of the time. Through Give Kids a Smile and other charitable works, we not only say we care, we also show it."



Clockwise: At Midwest Dental in St. Cloud, Brennen opts for neon orange shades before Sarah Schulz, RDA, and Rhonda Nygaard, DDS, start treatment; a 5-year-old patient shares a giggle with Christopher Mertensotto, DDS, at Pearl Dental in Sauk Rapids; and Bayissa Gerbi, LDA, at Maplewood Community Dental Care meets with a teen patient.



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*So much to smile about!*

*It all adds up to 3,990 kids, served by 438 dentists and 2,402 total dental volunteers. Estimated monetary value is \$1.7 Million.*