



Hello again, friend!

Today marks the end of National Children's Dental Health Month, and it was a whirlwind! Let's catch up on the impact that volunteers, donors, grantors and community advocates like yourself have made possible by supporting the mission of KinderSmile Foundation.

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## 2018 Give Kids A Smile WEEK

Four local preschools get the full dentist office experience

Starting on national Give Kids A Smile Day, February 2nd, and continuing throughout the following week, generous volunteers from [Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation](#), Rutgers University and KinderSmile Foundation's "[Give Back a Smile](#)" professional volunteer program helped us welcome **99 children and their caregivers** into KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center.

This was the 11th annual Give Kids A Smile oral health fair that KinderSmile Foundation has held, but it's the first time ever that children were bussed to our very own dental home in Bloomfield rather than participating at the group fair in Montclair's Presbyterian Church.

Teachers from participating Head Start programs commented that they loved this focused approach, giving each of their classes extra one-on-one with the dentists and hygienists for **oral health education that will stick with the kids long after Children's Dental Health Month is over.**

A huge thank you to the volunteers who participated in this pilot effort. Without their help, we would never have been able to provide 79 children with oral exams, teeth cleanings and fluoride treatment, nor could we have taught them the basics of dental hygiene or fed them nutritious snacks.

**A shocking statistic:** *More than half (53%) of all children seen required immediate follow-up care for restorative dental treatments, including fillings, crowns, extractions and "baby" root canal treatment.*



GKAS 2018 Snapshot: 4 year old with 4 front teeth decimated by decay

Special thanks to [BCB Community Bank](#), who sponsored the clinical supplies and goody bags for Give Kids A Smile Week 2018. Like KinderSmile Foundation, "BCB has always considered the community to be its primary focus."



[Click to view our 40 second highlight video from Give Kids A Smile Week!](#)



Preschooler Noah beams after his exam and cleaning with dentist Dr. Angela Crincoli and volunteer dental hygienist Beth Conrow.

## New Community Partnerships

KinderSmile Oral Health Program has active MOUs with 35 local schools

KinderSmile Foundation has always derived its strength from partners like you. In particular, our close relationship with Head Start and Early Head Start programs as well as other local nonprofit organizations that also serve low-income families has enabled us to assist more than 13,000 families over the past decade.

In 2018, we are on track to complete 4,800 dental appointments for underserved kids and perinatal women-making it **the most productive year since inception.**

This is partially due to new dental home hours and a restructuring of the clinical staff, so that we can accommodate the schedules of busy, working families better. (Stay tuned to our next e-newsletter, which will introduce our new, fabulous dentists and dental assistants!)

But a huge reason why your support of KinderSmile Oral Health Program is proving to be a success in the community is evident by the overwhelming requests for partnerships which we have experienced in the past several months. Schools like Mildred Barry Garvin Elementary and Dionne Warwick Institute in East Orange have spread the word that **KSOHP is helping to decrease dental issues for their students**, and we have been welcomed into new school districts as a result.

Principal Sturdivant calls Dr. Sara her "tooth angel."

We are excited to bring oral health education and preventive dental services to the following NEW partners in 2018:

1. The CHEN School - Newark, NJ
2. Gramon School - Fairfield, NJ
3. Norjenes Day Care Center - East Orange, NJ
4. The Horizon School - Livingston, NJ
5. Horizon High School - Livingston, NJ
6. Boys & Girls Club of Clifton - Clifton, NJ
7. Bayway Family Success Center - Elizabeth, NJ
8. East Orange YMCA - East Orange, NJ
9. Zadie's Early Childhood Center - East Orange, NJ
10. Belleville Board of Education\* - Belleville, NJ

Our new partnership with Belleville Board of Education provides access to preventive dental services and oral health education to 7 elementary schools, the middle school and the high school. We have already begun site visits and are excited to continue connecting with families of this town!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 15th - RSVP by 3/10

#### Top 10 Financial Mistakes Dentists Make

David J. Goodman, CPA, MST, member of the Academy of Dental CPAs, brings 30 years of expertise helping dental practices to increase efficiency, stay in compliance, and boost

revenue and profits. Whether you are a practice owner or an aspiring dentist, you can't afford to miss this informative event.

This free workshop will be held at KinderSmile Foundation, located at 10 Broad St, Bloomfield, NJ. Complimentary parking available upon registration.

There is a 25 seat capacity, so RSVP before the deadline of March 10th! [RSVP on Facebook](#) or email [kfs@kindersmile.org](mailto:kfs@kindersmile.org). Nicole Panzica will confirm your registration.

Event registration is free but donations in support of 501(c)(3) nonprofit "KinderSmile Foundation" are welcome.

## July 14th - July 20th, 2018

### Dental Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

KinderSmile Foundation's annual mission trip will be held in the Dominican Republic from July 14th to July 20th, 2018.

We are partnering with [Somos Amigos Medical Missions](#) to volunteer at a dental clinic that provides primary care to thousands of patients living in the remote countryside of Naranjito, DR.

Join us as we make an impact on the global community. Our volunteers often return home after the week of international service having made the greatest impact on their own personal growth.

High school through graduate school students are welcome (dental study not required), as well as licensed dental professionals seeking an opportunity to volunteer.

[RSVP on Facebook](#) to receive all the latest news about KinderSmile Foundation's 2018 mission trip, or email [kfs@kindersmile.org](mailto:kfs@kindersmile.org) to let us know you would like to join!

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