

School's out!

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TOOTH TALK - School's Out 2019

Dear Friends,

Happy Summer! Whether you are preparing for the kids to finish their school year, or you can't wait to leave cold weather behind and enjoy some fun in the sun, we are hoping that this quarterly e-news finds you in good health & happy spirits!

We are wrapping up the school year with final dental triage visits to our 40 Community Partners, including schools across Essex, Union, and Passaic Counties. How does a Community Partner benefit from KinderSmile Oral Health Program? Just ask the Belleville School District, in its second year of partnership with us.

Smiling in the Press

Partners for Health Foundation
"Community Impact Award"



[Click to watch Dr. Nicole's interview.](#)

New Jersey Head Start Association's
"Friend of Head Start Award"



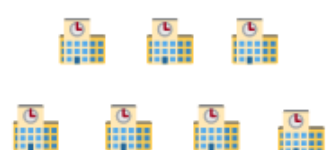
Dr. Sara Kalambur, Program Director of KinderSmile Foundation, was honored at the opening ceremony of NJ Head Start Association's annual conference in Atlantic City due to her decades of service to improving the health of Head Start students and their communities.

One such student from the Head Start program, Montclair Child Development Center, is a perfect example of the lives that Dr. Sara has helped impact

NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT CASE STUDY

1 Establish partnership

with Belleville School District for the 2017-2018 academic year and connect with each school nurse.



7 elementary
schools



1 middle and
1 high school

4,545 total
Belleville students

2 Host assemblies by grade

to teach students age-appropriate dental hygiene techniques to stay cavity-free.



K-2

3-5

6-8

9-12

approx. 2,000
students participated
in assemblies

3 Bring cavity-prevention care

by our licensed dentists & dental hygienists in school at NO COST to families, including dental exams & cleanings.

261 students
received treatment



52% of students seen
required follow-up

4 Link to dental home

where children who are uninsured, have Medicaid or private insurance receive continuous oral health care.



- affordable fees for service

- fillings, extractions, partial
dentures and other
restorations

- easily-accessible by
public bus or train

- late-night & weekend
appointments

119 students continue
care at our Bloomfield
dental home

Thanks to support from Partners for Health Foundation, NCOHF America's ToothFairy, the Horizon Foundation of New Jersey, The Montclair Foundation, and private donors who believe all children deserve access to quality dental care, KinderSmile Oral Health Program is constantly expanding.

If you know a school or children's program which could benefit from KSOHP, please introduce them to us! Questions are best directed to kfs@kindersmile.org or 973-744-7003.

Congratulations, graduates!

In our last TOOTH TALK, we shared the exciting news from 5 KinderSmile Foundation volunteers who were accepted to dental school. Dozens of pre-dental students volunteer with our [Community Service Learning Program](#) every year, in order to get hands-on clinical

throughout her career of serving NJ's children.

Shawn Quince arrived at KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center of Bloomfield on April 9th as a new patient with his siblings. While his mom filled out registration forms, the Quince kids explored our Education Room and noticed a familiar face smiling at them from the wall ...

It was Shawn at 3 years old, in a photo snapped at Montclair Child Development Center 10 years ago!



We are so happy to welcome Shawn and his family back to the KinderSmile Foundation family!

National Headlines

"New data from the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families indicate *nearly 1 million fewer children nationwide were enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at the end of 2018 than in 2017.*"

—Decline In Medicaid, CHIP Coverage Could Affect Children's Academic Performance, Senior Fellow Says; ADA Morning Huddle, 06/19/2019

One million fewer children enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP affects more than their oral health. This State-subsidized health insurance makes both dental and medical expenses affordable for income-restrained families; so it's no wonder that experts predict a drop in children's academic performance by missing out on this coverage.



#ItTakesAVillage

Our Mission: To provide underserved children with access to comprehensive dental care and educate children & their

experience, learn more about the field of pediatric & public health dentistry, and give back to their community through volunteerism.

But did you know that students of all majors are welcome to volunteer with CSLP?

Gabriela Cevallos, International Business & Management

Take Gabriela Cevallos, an international business and management major from Montclair State University. Gabby volunteered as an intern with our nonprofit beginning September 2018. She expressed interest in our community outreach programs, and the "behind the scenes" administration that goes into running KinderSmile Foundation.

We quickly matched Gabby with the [Perinatal Health & Wellness Program](#), where she bloomed into a true team leader. By the end of her fall semester, Gabby had a strong rapport with all of the moms enrolled in PHWP, and she was presenting the oral health curriculum in English & Spanish.

Her passion for helping the immigrant community, paired with her intelligence and initiative, earned her a part-time position as PHWP Coordinator as soon as the staff vacancy arose. She organized this year's PHWP "Graduation" with great success, celebrating the 75 mothers who made a choice to prioritize oral health this year.



Dr. Lucia Arias (pink gown) volunteers to treat the uninsured moms who graduate from PHWP. Learn more about this program at www.kindersmile.org/programs/phwp.

How fitting that Gabby herself celebrated her own graduation five months later. As an empowered woman, Ecuadorian immigrant—and now, first-generation college graduate—she had every reason to be beaming with pride at Montclair State's graduation this May. She earned every accolade, and we look forward to her remaining a member of the KinderSmile Foundation team for a very long time.

"She turned her *can't* into *can* and her dream into a plan!"



Gabriela Cevallos, MSU Class of 2019

families about the importance of dental hygiene.

Our Programs:

- **KSOHP - KinderSmile Oral Health Program**
Bringing cavity-prevention into schools & community events
- **PHWP - Perinatal Health & Wellness Program**
Promoting dental care during pregnancy & early childhood
- **CSLP - Community Service Learning Program**
Youth mentorship through volunteer work & internships
- **GBAS - Give Back A Smile**
Volunteer opportunities for dental professionals

Our Vision: A future where every child has access to a dentist and preventable dental diseases are eradicated.



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Halema has volunteered with all aspects of KinderSmile Foundation, from assisting the dentists at our dental home to educating local students at KSOHP offsite visits. Her positive energy and enthusiasm for learning could not be contained to New Jersey alone, so Halema excitedly prepared to embark on her first ever mission trip abroad with KinderSmile Foundation.



Halema and local school children show off their smiles during an education session at the makeshift clinic where KinderSmile Foundation provided free dental care in Ecuador.

The mission trip team served two villages outside Quito, Ecuador, the last week of May 2019, and **repeat-volunteers say it was the best mission trip of KinderSmile Foundation history.** Halema herself gave a beautiful testimony to her life-changing experience in a recent LinkedIn post shared below:

"A week ago today, I went on a mission trip to Ecuador with KinderSmile Foundation, which was a crossroad between two of my passions, giving back + dentistry, needless to say it was the highlight of my life.

I have always wanted to find someone that had nothing, and give them everything, with nothing in return, and today I was able to serve 370 men, women, and children where access to oral health services is limited, meant everything to me.

This community was filled with people who have been so welcoming, so grateful, and the nicest people I have ever encountered in my life. Every service ended with 'may God bless you' and I couldn't help but feel like I served my purpose in this life.

This trip tested my faith, my patience, my discipline as I went on this mission on the last 10 days of Ramadan, I continued to keep my fast, all my prayers, while serving others and it's the most peace and happiness I've ever felt in my life. I couldn't have went at a better timing with the greatest people as we worked through the craziest conditions (barely having any light, limited seats, limited materials, & etc) but we found a solution every time.

It truly does take a village. I want to be apart of every village I can, to help in any way that I can. In the end, I owe my God everything."



Ecuador 2019 mission trip team, from top left to right: Sydney Bennett, Juan Barnes, Dr. Jessica Neto, Halema Jalil, Dr. Angela Crincoli, Dr. Lucia Arias, Crystal Pineiros, Julian Spain, Mario Arias, Dr. Nicole McGrath-Barnes, and Janeth Guevara.

As always, huge thanks to all of the readers who are part of the KinderSmile Foundation "village." It takes every member of our family—from donors to volunteers to school nurses to staff—in order to successfully make change in our community. Thank you for believing and supporting the change to ensure every child has access to a dentist. Together, we can eradicate preventable dental disease. #ItTakesAVillage

Blessings,

Nicole McGrath-Barnes, DDS, FACD
President & CEO
KinderSmile Foundation



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