

Tooth Talk

"A bright smile with healthy teeth is the universal welcome"

Greetings! We are very excited to launch our first e-news to all our friends and supporters. This first issue brings you current happenings about the KinderSmile Foundation.

KinderSmile Foundation Outreach 2012 Haiti



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Fall 2012



What's New?

A New Pilot Program was put into effect by KinderSmile Foundation (KSF) in 2012 in school settings. Tooth Brush Stations were implemented in various classroom settings to promote proper tooth brushing habits in and out of the home. To reduce the rate of tooth decay in young children, prevention efforts must start early.

This program will provide a Tooth Brush Station in each classroom for the following Essex & Union Counties, NJ schools:

- Precious Jewels – 23 children
- Wahlstrom Academy – 180 children
- The Arc Kohler School – 51 children
- Building Blocks University – 200 children (Irvington and Montclair locations)
- Neighborhood Childcare Center - 76 children

The KinderSmile Foundation's objectives are:

- Teach children to practice daily good oral hygiene care.
- Prevent tooth decay and gum disease.
- Provide training and education to educators, support staff, and parents about dental health prevention.

Junior Board Outreach Trip

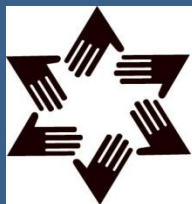
Our dedicated board members, high school and college students, are given the opportunity to visit an international site. The need for dental care access to school-aged children is so great that members want to try to make a 'difference', and reach out to these children. Their recent trip to Haiti was another successful journey. They provided supplies and services to the Grace International Orphanage to 476 orphan children.



Child being taught proper Brushing techniques

Tooth Brush Stations Donated

We are providing toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, toothpaste with fluoride and educational materials for the classrooms and for home use. With continued support and supervision from staff and parents, these schools will incorporate this new project into their curriculum. We hope that this pilot program will be an effective method to address the ongoing problem of children's dental decay in our communities and will promote greater oral care for all our children.



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KinderSmile Oral Health Program (KSOHP), 2012 - \$50,000 from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, (Millburn, NJ). These monies assist in early intervention services and prevention such as on-site school visits, dental health education and dental caries (cavities) prevention for school-age children.

ToothBrush Station (TBS) September, 2011-\$10,000 was also kindly donated from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, (Millburn, NJ) for children 4-12 years old, infants, toddlers, pre-school and children with special needs.

KinderSmile Gives Thanks to our Generous Donors



Delta Dental Foundation, February, 2012 - \$20,000 provides dental services to the physically and mentally challenged children at Arc-Kohler School in Mountainside, NJ.



Partners for Health (Montclair, NJ) has made a very generous Technology grant of \$30,780. This grant will enable us to update our current technology and enhance the dental care delivery services in diagnostic, treatment, and oral health education.



The Horizon Foundation for NJ supports KinderSmile's Oral Health Education Program for children and parents, teachers and caregivers. Horizon donated \$15,000 in 2011. This enabled KinderSmile to provide under-served young students with an in-class curriculum, including tooth brushes, tooth paste, educational brochures, dental puppets and dental-related story books and posters.

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We encourage
everyone to get
involved

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New Board Member

We want to welcome our new board member, Dr. Ethan Glickman. He is Founder and President of Empower Seminars and Consulting which is targeted to the dental community. His professional expertise in a variety of endeavors will be greatly appreciated by our board members.

Chase Community Event

Dr. Nicole McGrath, CEO and President of our Foundation is pleased to announce that we are a nominee for the 2012 Chase Community Giving Program. Vote for the KinderSmile Foundation no later than September 19, 2012 by logging onto Facebook or go to: <http://www.ChaseGiving.com> to cast as many votes as the directions allow. The National Program grant recipients will be announced on the Facebook Chase Community Giving brand page. WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Parents' Comments

"I am not sure how many times I can say thank you, how I can thank your organization"...there are two people in Bayonne, NJ that owe so much to you and your organization."

Mother of a 5 year old special needs child, no insurance or finances...teeth were severely infected, he could not eat headaches, fever and pain. The immediate response from KSF with treatment to this child proved to be a happy and positive experience for the entire family.

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