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KinderSmile hosted their 7th successful annual Give Kids a Smile Day (GKAS) Oral Health Fair on Friday, February 7, 2014. It was held at The Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park Street, Montclair, NJ. The Fair provided free dental care, diagnostic and preventive oral health for low-income and uninsured children ages 12 years and younger, including toddlers and infants. Although the weather was frigid and icy, over 234 participants from 7 local day care centers, preschools, head start programs and many walkins attended. The event included oral health education, nutritional counseling, arts and crafts, live entertainment and free lunch. This year was a collaborated effort with Jr. Board members, dental health professionals, grantors and colleagues accomplishing a major goal - prevention, treatment and establishing a dental home for our high-risk children. Our dedicated donors, Delta Dental volunteers, and Partners for Health Foundation grant exceeded our expectations. Together, we made a difference in the lives of many of these children.



The KinderSmile Foundation

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We want to express our gratitude to a number of guests who donated their time and effort to add to the success of this year's event. Dr. Rene Johe, President of NJ Association of Orthodontists provided literature on 'free orthodontic services' to children from the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Essex County. Dr. Renee Baskerville, Fourth Ward Councilor spoke to the children about preventing tooth decay and handed out dental care items. Entertainment was provided by master storyteller, Shirley Johnson, who captured the audience attention with stories of African diaspora, and our Tooth Fairy, Arlene Coryle, and her show dogs. Art & crafts and lunch were supplied by Links, Inc. representatives, Tammye Jones, Diane Bundy, Pamela Brodie, Bobbie Polk, Gabrielle Smith and Sunne-Ryse Smith. Affordable Care Act representatives were present to answer any questions about the new health care law.

KinderSmile continued their GKAS efforts providing

children preventative dental health care and treatment throughout dental health month. The KinderSmile volunteer staff visited 173 children at Wahlstrom Academy, East Orange, NJ on February 11, and 211 children of the Montclair Child Development



KinderSmile Foundation extends our sincere appreciation to your commitment and support.

Please consider becoming a Corporate Sponsor in 2014! Find out more about KinderSmile from our current board members and the passion they have for the mission of THIS WONDERFUL organization.



KinderSmile Foundation **Board Member Appeal**

Grants Received

Delta Dental

Center, Orange, NJ on February 25.



A Special Thanks

Maureen Barlow and Lorraine Sedor of the NJ Dental Association partnered with Rutger's dental students, Akriti Gupta, Chris Fiorentini, Paul Redpath, Matt Barbin, and Peter Paradiso to help raise funds for local bus transportation. The campaign raised a total of \$1,300.00 to fund the ride for the children to GKAS Day Oral Health Fair.





The Children's Dental Health Awareness Day

On February 23, Board member, Dr. Pooja Khurana represented KinderSmile Foundation at The Children's Dental Health Awareness Day at the Liberty Science Center. The event was sponsored by Delta Dental of New Jersey, Rutgers School of



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Dental Medicine and the Hudson County Dental Society. The carnival-like atmosphere offered an abundance of educational and age-appropriate hands-on-activities. Volunteers engaged the children by demonstrating proper tooth brushing and dental flossing techniques, teaching about healthy food choices and discussing the effects of smoking and tobacco use. The children were excited about 'drilling-and-filling' plaster teeth using a high speed handpiece and curing light.





Pre-Postnatal Oral Health Initiative Program

KSF volunteers Marianne O'Shea, 4th year Rutgers's dental student and Irene Spates, pre-dental student of Rutgers's presented an oral health education and nutritional counseling workshop on maternal health to pregnant women and mothers. Nutritionist, Lachell Miller talked about healthy eating habits. Dental screenings were provided by Drs. Nicole McGrath and Sara Kalambur. The program was held at The United Way Building, Montclair NJ. It was funded by The Wells Fargo Community grant and The Montclair Foundation, a continued supporter of KSF. The Foundation helps meet educational and social services needs of the Montclair community.





On-Site School Visits

November 12, 2013

- Arc Kohler School for Children with Special Needs, Mountainside, NJ
- Dr. Sara Kalambur and Harriet Kushins, RDH provided dental screenings and cleanings for 33 children. Future dental student, Irene Spates assisted.

November 1, 2013

- Montclair Child Development Center (MCDC), Early Head Start, Fulton St. Montclair, NJ
- Dr. Kalambur provided dental screenings for 16 children.

Montclair Healthy Harvest

The Annual Healthy Heritage Harvest (H3) Parade and Fest was held on October 31, 2014, Halloween Night at the new headquarters for the Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation. Councilor Renee Baskerville and Fourth Ward hosted the event. It was a new venue for the Montclair Neighborhood Development, a non-profit community based social service agency. The event was an alternative to the traditional Halloween celebration. The Harvest provided storytelling, music and family games. Healthful snacks and packets of seeds for next year's harvest planting were distributed to the children. KinderSmile Foundation provided free toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental coloring books to the children. Dr. Nicole McGrath spoke to the parents on dental health prevention. The children had an opportunity to demonstrate proper tooth brushing on their favorite dinosaur.





Jr. Board Member Fundraiser

The Jr. Board members fundraising efforts included selling "Teeth Whitening Kits" during the holiday season. The kits were courtesy of Ultradent. Over \$5,000.00 was raised for KinderSmile Foundation.

Jr. Board Members Highlights for 2014

KSF Volunteers Irene Spates has been accepted to Rutgers Dental School, Class of 2017, Newark, NJ and Shannel Beckles was accepted to Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, Class of 2017, in Tennessee. Congratulations! Both Spates and Beckles have assisted on many on-site school visits and provided oral educational workshops. Irene Spates was cochair for KinderSmile Pre-Post Oral Health Initiative Program in December, 2013.



Jr. Board members Ashlee Beverett, Nick Hrehovcik and Conor Balog are all waiting to hear from dental schools.



We welcome the following new Jr. Board Members

Taylor Harding, South Carolina State University Harrison Jones, Pingry High School Amaya Dumay, Montclair High School

Upcoming Events

- March 26, Mr. Dino's Restaurant, Montclair, NJ will be donating 15% of the gross receipts to the 5th annual international outreach trip. Click <u>HERE</u> for the Pizza for Smiles Flyer.
- Please join us on Sunday, April 6th for our 1st "KSF Fun Run/Walk" at Brookdale Park in Montclair. 8:30 AM Check In. <u>REGISTER HERE!</u> Run starts promptly at 10:00 AM. Click <u>HERE</u> for the printable " 2 Mile Fun Run Flyer" to promote this event with your friends, neighbors, churches, schools and gyms. Start the Spring off with a something healthy and help those less fortunate in our community.
- High School and College Jr. Board members 5th International Outreach trips in 2014, Jinotega, Nicaragua - May 21-26, Children of Destiny Orphanage Lima, Peru - June 23-29, KinderSmile Foundation will be collaborating with Temple University dental students and their international organization. The members are collecting spiral notebooks to donate to the orphanages.





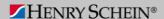








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