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# Tooth Talk

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## Fall Issue, 2014 Tooth Talk

Welcome to the autumn issue of "Tooth Talk." I am pleased to have an opportunity to highlight some of the new programs KSF is planning this year. Change is often challenging. We will continue to work our hardest and our best. There is much to accomplish.

Harriet Kushins, Editor

We would like to thank Mr. Shakim Compere of Flavor unit- One Unit Entertainment for graciously donating \$2,500 to KinderSmile's After School Program.

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## New Program: Community Food Bank After School Program

KinderSmile Partnership with Community Food Bank of NJ Takes Off!

Lynne Toye has successfully taken on the task of project coordinator for the Community Food Bank after School Program. The project named "Kids Café" is an after school program that will provide dental health education and oral care services to over 400 underserved children, ages 6-12 based in Newark. With the assistance of Rutgers School of Dental Medicine student volunteers, Charmy Patel, Prachi Shah, Cherie Walsh, Diane Rosenbaum, Michelle Ducca, Jessica Tseng, Kevin Kern, Michael Israel, David Paladines, Colin Suh and Antonio Palmer of KinderSmile visited three After School Programs and is scheduled to visit two more. These sites are: Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, St. James AME Church, Unified Vailsburg Service Organization, Happy Hands and New Community Corporation. In all, 96 children have already been reached to receive oral health education.



## SPAN - Statewide For Parent Advocacy Network

This non-profit organization focus is targeted to underserved women in Essex County. It connects families to services in health and education for infants, toddlers, children and youth. It supports women to improve prenatal care, pregnancy outcomes

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*KinderSmile Foundation Board Member Appeal*

### Special Thanks

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and prevention of birth defects. We are partnering with SPAN to provide oral health education workshops for Pre/Postnatal women and staff. The presentation will be given by Dr. Sara Kalambur on October 17, 2014.



## On-Site School Visits - 2014

### Oral Screenings & Oral Health Workshops

#### September 15

Montclair Child Development Head Start Center  
Baldwin School, Glen Ridge, NJ

#### September 17

Fulton School, Montclair, NJ

#### September 19

Montclair Child Development Head Start Center  
Orange, NJ

The three school sites will be visited by team lead, Dr. Sara Kalambur and assistants, Megan Ginter and Dayna Patel. They will provide free oral screenings, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments and oral health education. Dental health information, tooth brushes and tooth paste will be distributed to a total of 27 children.

#### October 23

Paterson School #4 Paterson NJ

Dr. Ayanna Bradshaw will present an oral health program to the children and teachers, assisted by Dayna Patel and Hector Torres.

#### October 30

Paterson School #4

Smile Central Dental Team volunteers will provide education, screening and treatment.

#### October 21, 22

Building Blocks University, Back to School Night  
Montclair, NJ & Irvington, NJ

Dr. Nicole McGrath will address the parents, caregivers and staff about oral health care and the key role they play to help their children maintain proper dental health.

#### October 15 & November 18

Arc Kohler for Children with Special Needs  
Mountainside, NJ

Back to School Night

Dr. Nicole McGrath will speak to parents and teachers at this school site as well.

## Save the Date

### February is National children's Dental Health Month

Give Kids a Smile Day - Our annual community dental fair organized by KinderSmile Foundation

Place: The Central Presbyterian Church Montclair, NJ

Time: 10:00 am

Introduced in 2009, GKASD remains a shining example of what can be accomplished when oral health professionals work together. The team effort ensures a positive impact on the oral and systemic health of all children. Each year dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and health professionals focus their efforts, support and time to improve children's dental care. We need volunteers to get involved this year on February 7, 2015. Contact KSF Office: 973-744-7003.

## New Staff Employee

We welcome Mr. Antonio Palmer to KinderSmile Foundation. He will be the Project Coordinator Assistant. His responsibilities include program data analysis, clinical inventory, and on-site school visits. He is a 2013 graduate with a BS in Health Fitness Specialist and presently a first year student at Rutgers School of Public Health graduate Master's program.



## New KinderSmile Website

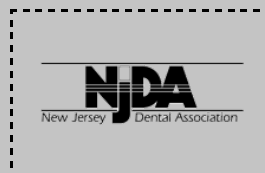
Our new website is completed now. It will be a resource for dental professionals and for patients. I encourage you to forward our site to your peers and friends so that they might benefit from the valuable information it contains.

Please join me in my efforts to spread the word about the importance of dental health in our lives.

[www.KinderSmile.org](http://www.KinderSmile.org)

## Acknowledgments

Dr. Sara Kalambur, Program Director of KSF was honored on October 7. She was awarded the Champion of Oral Health given by the New Jersey Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Congratulations! Your dedication to KSF and to the pediatric community is inspiring to all who have come to know and work with you.



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