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The KinderSmile Foundation

More Good News...

Our key strategy for 2016 is for the KinderSmile Foundation to

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Dear Friends

Since the establishment of the KinderSmile Foundation in 2007, we have witnessed a network of organizations, local communities and leaders working together for one initiative; advocate and improve the access and quality of oral health care and education for children in underserved communities.

2016 has definitely been a banner year. We have launched The KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center to pediatric patients in Essex County, NJ. The Dental Center, located at 10 Broad St. Bloomfield, NJ, will be opening its doors August, 2016.

Treating pediatric patients to achieve oral health benefits requires our dental professional community to come together and serve. KinderSmile is reaching out to all dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental para-professionals. Please contact the KinderSmile Foundation and join us as a volunteer. It is crucial that we succeed to manage and eradicate oral disease.

Editor,
Harriet Kushins

KinderSmile Community
Oral Health Center
(KSCOHC)



Our new facility will be open to all uninsured, low-income families and pregnant women. Medicaid and managed care insurance are accepted. We will offer evening and Saturday appointments. Patients will be engaged in a relaxing and educational environment

establish dental homes for all patients

Donations & Grants

Donations:

Dr. Robert Elkas

Dr. David Blauss

Crosstex Co.
(infection control products, supplies), Hauppauge, NY

America's ToothFairy
(National Children's Oral Health Foundation)

Grants:

\$150,000 - Partners for Health

\$1,000 - Investors Bank
- supports health & human services in NJ

\$4,000 - Community FoodBank of NJ - fights hunger and poverty in NJ

\$2,900 - DentaQuest (KSF 'GrassRoots Representative')

Donor investment is clearly reflected in all that has been accomplished!

Become a Donor/Grantor

Our donors' generosity allows us to launch new projects, fund new programs and support new collaborations.

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



KinderSmile Foundation Board Member Appeal

while dental treatment services are rendered. Children 0-17 years of age are eligible to receive dental care. The Prenatal Health & Wellness Program will be implemented to assist in dental care education and will provide 'free' dental services for 75 uninsured pregnant women and new mothers. Please call for an appointment, "Back to School" check-up dental visit: 973.744-7003. We invite you to take this opportunity and visit this newly established dental center that will now be serving you.

We can use your help. Please view our [Wish List](#) & Donate.

Community Service Learning Program: Jr. Board 7th Annual International Outreach Trip: Grenada, West Indies - 2016

The Grenada trip included the following volunteers this year. There were 3 dentists, 4 college students, 5 high school students, 1 middle school student, 13 Jr. board members, 2 pre-professional students and 2 chaperones. Over 300 children were treated with free dental services at the Birch Grove Roman Catholic Elementary School. Our group also collected over 200 pairs of shoes for the children. The trip was over a four-day period, boarding on school grounds.



We give a 'special thanks' to all the volunteers and dental staff for their contribution and dedication for another successful year.

KinderSmile Community Oral health Center Wish List

We Are Still In Need Of
Donations & Funds To
Help Complete Our
Project.

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Wish List.](#)

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Grenada 2016

Jr. Board Members

Past Jr. Board Member, Steven Vassell graduates from New Jersey City University and will attend Rutgers Dental School, Class of 2020. KSF intern, Ben Kahan will attend the 1st dental class at Touro's Dental School, Class of 2020. KSF intern, Nicole Czanjc will attend Rutgers Dental School, Class of 2020.

Jr. Board Member, Soham Kumar Bhatnagar and sibling Svava Khurana Bhatnagar collected over \$500 and gift cards in donations for KinderSmile in lieu of birthday presents for this year. We are very proud of your hard work!



FlapJack Fundraiser

Jr. Board Member, Amya Dumay, chaired and organized a "Flapjack Fundraiser" event at Applebees. The restaurant offered their time to help raise money by selling set breakfast plates. The fundraiser was hosted during non-operating hours. Applebee's community opportunity and connection to our Organization helped spread the word about the KSF Jr Board. Thank you for your support and joining us to help our cause.



We wish all our Jr. Board Members continued inspiration as they move into their academic careers.

DentaQuest Foundation

DentaQuest Foundation annual Northeast/Mid-Atlantic conference convening in Cambridge, MA, June 8-10, 2016 selected Kindersmile Foundation for their New Jersey 'GrassRoots' Representative. DentaQuest is a leading philanthropy in the U.S. and its focus is on oral health at the national, state and community levels.

Dr. McGrath attended the first Oral Health 2020 Northeast meeting to participate in the discussion on health care access equity in communities.

DentaQuest



Dr. McGrath pictured with New Jersey DentaQuest Stakeholders.

On-Site School Visits

Ben Kahan and Niyati Reddy participated in a community outreach event at a head start program at the Newark Day Center, 43 Hill St. Newark, NJ.

Arc Kohler (School for Children with Special Needs) Mountainside, NJ

Drs. McGrath, Kalambur and volunteers treated the children (3-12 yrs old) with oral exams, prophylaxis and fluoride applications. Oral education information was shared with staff and children.

College & Career Day at Elliot Street School, 721 Summer Ave. Newark, NJ



Dr. Kalambur and KSF graduate student intern Teniola Ogunyemi spoke to the students about the dental profession.



Oral health education and nutrition were provided to the children. The parents were informed about the new KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center.

Montclair Child Development Center (MCDC), head start program, Orange, NJ

Dr. Kalambur and KSF staff Teniola Ogunyemi & Nicole Panzica provided dental triage and preventive care to 23 children. Children who needed immediate follow-up care were referred to the staff and parents for further dental treatment.



Bloomfield Health Department

Dr. Kalambur and volunteer Nicole Farooqu, a graduate student at Rutgers, presented an oral health education talk to families that utilize the 'free' services at the Bloomfield Health Department. With the support of Donna Williams, Public Health Nursing Supervisor at the Bloomfield Health Clinic, the KSF staff will hold monthly visits and refer uninsured perinatal women and new mothers to our new dental facility to connect them to a 'dental home.'

Community FoodBank of Newark, NJ

KinderSmile Foundation collaboration with Community FoodBank will support free oral health education to underserved children in Essex County. A \$4,000 grant will assist children programs and services at the After school sites in Newark, NJ. They include: Boys & Girls Club of Passaic, Salvation Army, Newark, NJ, and Paterson Boys & Girls Club.



Pregnancy Palooza

The Waterfront, a recreation center at 2 Grafton Ave., Newark, NJ held a 'Pregnancy Palooza' on June 10, 2016. Dr. Madonna, our Clinical Director donated toothbrushes to families and disseminated oral health information. A total of 50 mothers completed a pre-assessment questionnaire to participate in the Prenatal Health & Wellness Program. KinderSmile will be accepting pre-assessment forms from the Bloomfield Department of Health, Montclair Women, Infants and Children Program, Wayona House (Children's Advocacy Center) and Span (State wide Parent Advocacy Network, Inc.). This program will be funded by the Healthcare Foundation of NJ which has awarded us \$96,000 for this project. The interactive fair in Essex County was a super fun day.



National Oral Health Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio



The conference was attended by Dr. Kalambur representing KinderSmile Foundation. Information was distributed on perinatal oral health, school-based dentistry and sealant programs in public schools to address the problem of at-risk children and dental caries.

The New Jersey Dental Association Garden State Convention

The New Jersey Dental Association Garden State Convention was attended by Drs. McGrath & Kalambur. They promoted KinderSmile Foundation and our new dental facility encouraging dental professionals to participate in KSF "Give Back a Smile Program". Dr. Greg LaMorte, President-Elect of NJDA donated a gift of \$1,000 from Essex County Dental Society at the NJDA President's dinner.



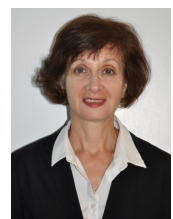
Johnson City Elementary School, Binghamton, NY

Dr. McGrath and pre-dental students of Binghamton University visited the Johnson City Elementary School. They engaged 400 elementary school students in oral health education. Toothbrushes were distributed and an arts and crafts program was held.

Welcome Clinical Director to KSCOHC, Dr. Maria Madonna

Dr. Maria Madonna is our new Clinical Director of the dental center in Bloomfield, NJ. She is a graduate of NYU School of Dentistry where she was honored as a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society.

Her dental experience includes residency at Long Island Jewish/Schneider's Children's Hospital, dental clinics at Westchester County's Department of Health, Director of the Paterson NJ Public Schools Dental Clinic, lecturer at Bergen Community College as well as



Dr. Maria
Madonna

advisory board member for the dental hygiene program.

Welcome Dr. Madonna to the KinderSmile Foundation. She will ensure that KSF will continue to serve the dental needs of underserved children as well as educate families in maintaining optimal oral health.

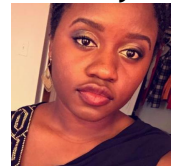
We extend greetings to several new staff personnel: Nicole Panzica, Niyati Reddy, Teniola Ogunyemi, and Pruthal Patel. Nicole Panzica is our Deputy Director of Institutional Advancement. She is a graduate of Ramapo College of NJ and majored in Marketing. She was employed at E commerce Partners, a digital marketing agency in NYC. She was involved with KSF during her college years and has returned to work for our foundation to focus on marketing. She feels that pursuing a career in the non-profit sector "will be more fulfilling." Teniola Ogunyemi is a senior at Montclair State University majoring in Public Health. She is a volunteer intern at KinderSmile. In her own words, "KSF has inspired me to continue my studies in a career in dentistry." Pruthul 'Nick' Patel is a volunteer intern. He is a pre-dental student at Rutgers Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Presently, he assists Dr. McGrath and the KinderSmile team. Nick states, "my experience here helped me develop the vital social skills needed to effectively communicate with patients." Niyati Reddy is our Program Assistant.



Nicole Panzica



Niyati Reddy



Teniola Ogunyemi



Pruthal Patel



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