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### The KinderSmile Foundation

## Grants Received



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## Winter Issue, 2015 Tooth Talk

We have survived another winter of unfavorable weather, but KSF is now stronger than ever. During the winter, KSF held its annual oral health fair, provided dental health care and oral screenings for hundreds of children and received significant funding. We are off to a great spring start planning for trips to Jamaica and Kentucky. We take pride in our junior board members in their fundraising projects to sustain their outreach trips.

Harriet Kushins, Editor

## KinderSmile 8th Annual Give Kids a Smile Oral Health Fair

Each February, KSF sponsors an annual Give Kids a Smile Oral Health Fair to raise awareness about the importance oral health. Our 8th event was held on February 6, 2015 at the Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park Street, Montclair, NJ. The fair provided free dental services - oral examinations, fluoride treatments and dental health education to low-income and uninsured children ages 12 years and younger, including toddlers and infants, residing in Essex County.



We treated 134 children, presented oral health education, and at-home dental care instruction to 30 family caregivers. Event volunteers included dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and students. Delta Dental participants coordinated and supervised the dental triage. KSF board members were busy with administration tasks and luncheon food preparation for all volunteers.



To supplement the Health Fair, that was hindered by difficult wintry weather, KSF planned additional on-site school visits during the month of February, to give more children an opportunity for oral screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments,

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referrals, and dental health education. On February 20, at Wahlstrom Academy, East Orange, NJ, 52 pre-k/k children were treated and 55 children received dental health education. The visit included, Dr. McGrath, team lead, assisted by Drs. Hunter and Kalambur. On February 24, at Paterson school system school #5, Drs. Kalambur and Badr Raissi, presented a dental health program to 129 children. On February 25, Antonio Palmer visited a head start program at Montclair Child Development Center (MCDC), Orange, NJ and spoke to 14 children (3-5 yrs) and 2 teachers on oral health. We were very pleased with the final outcome for February, totaling 384 children who availed themselves of dental care.

Our dedicated volunteers stand by our Foundation and we "thank you" for 'You're giving the gift of time'.

## KinderSmile Community Champions Breakfast

The first Community Champions Breakfast was held on February 6, 2015, at the Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park Street, Montclair, NJ, celebrating National Children's Dental Health Month and honoring and recognizing those individuals who support KSF. Honorees include Drs. Pooja Kkhuana, Kyung Ha and Shari Summers for their



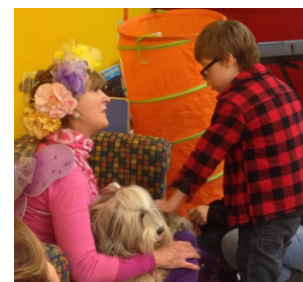
clinical services as well as dental hygienists, Patricia Fernandez, Liz Liloia, Robyn Bartscherer and Yvonne Kiernan. Arnold Liloia, Mike Byrnes and Susan Dunn assisted with various services. We also welcomed the following guests that support our endeavors, Pam Scott, Executive Director of Partners for Health Foundation, Montclair, NJ, Arthur Meisel, Executive Director of NJ Dental Association, Dr. Bonnie Stanley, Chief of the Bureau of Dental Services for NJ Family Care, Delta Dental, Dr. David Wank and Jerry Fried, past Mayor of Montclair, NJ. The volunteers received KSF Community Outreach Recognition.



We are grateful for all the volunteer partners carrying out our mission.

## On-Site School Visits, 2014-2015

Drs. McGrath, Bradshaw and Kalambur, assisted by Megan Ginter and Antonio Palmer, provided clinical dental care to 123 children with a total of 9 school visits in the Paterson School System. Schools included are: #6, NCR (New Roberto Clemente School), #5, #4, NCR, #5, #6, #5, #4.



### On-Site School Visits, 2015

March 25  
Drs. Kalambur and Ha assisted by Dorrie Gagnon, RDH delivered oral screenings to 35 children.

## Jr. Board Members Highlights for 2015

This year, the Jr. Board Members are passionately pursuing another opportunity for service and volunteering their skills and time in Jamaica and Kentucky. Their first trip to Jamaica was in 2008. They will return and continue delivery of quality dental care to children. The trip is planned for May 18-24, 2015. They will outreach Mt. Olivet Primary School in Spalding, Jamaica serving 300 children with dental screenings and to 1,500 additional children to promote dental health education programs.

The Kentucky outreach trip is planned for June 7-11, 2015. Millburn High School senior Lea Lee will be traveling with Drs. Ha and Grunstein with a fire engine mobile truck to Mac Roberts, Kentucky. They will treat over 200 children and provide dental health education to a population of 700 parents and family members.

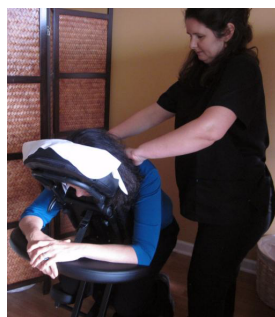
KinderSmile is committed to continually broaden and expand their opportunities of delivering quality dental services. Poor dental home care, lack of appropriate dental services and education is a widespread public health problem. It goes beyond our neighboring communities and KSF is devoted to advocate, treat, and decrease the caries disease.

## 1st Annual Women's Wellness Event Fundraiser

Desiree Watson, owner of The Wellness Lounge, 14 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ hosted a Social Wellness Happy Hour on November 8, 2015. The Wellness Lounge is a holistic center offering a variety of mind and body services to improve one's health. Andrea Johnson, KSF board member, sponsored the event. On January 23, 2015, Andrea Mc Dough, also a board member, sponsored a second social evening event. Both events were successful fundraisers with donations totaling \$3,695.00.

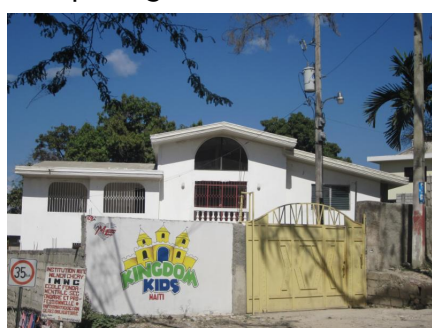


We thank Desiree Watson for extending her hospitality and services and Andrea Johnson and Andrea Mc Dough for coordinating our fundraisers.



## Community Service Program, Trip to Haiti

Dr. McGrath traveled to Haiti in February, 2015 with I'm Me, a faith based non-profit organization to provide dental services for 10 orphans and oral health education to 200 children at the school program, Kingdom Kids. She was accompanied by team member, Chad Grant. He built 7 bookshelves and 3 tables for the orphanage.



## Annual Year-End Campaign

We thank you for your continued support, commitment and contributions to the KinderSmile annual year-end appeal. Your generosity allows the Foundation to grow and develop new dental health programs to help all our children in New Jersey. Our mission continues...

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