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## Winter Issue, 2016 **Tooth Talk**

Dear Friends

The KinderSmile Foundation has much to celebrate. We have officially moved to Bloomfield, NJ. Our temporary office is 2 Broad St. The expected move to our permanent home at 10 Broad St. is August, 2016. The Center is currently under construction with anticipated opening date of August, 2016. We are now firmly focused on the future of KSF continuing as community-based oral health care delivery to pediatric patients in Essex County, NJ. We invite and welcome you to visit and say 'hello'.

Harriet Kushins, Editor

# KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center

The Center will be the 'Dental Home' for many uninsured and underserved children in New Jersey (Bloomfield, Montclair, Irvington, Orange, East Orange and Newark), conveniently located to all bus We will accept Medicaid and Managed Care insurances. lines. Uninsured children will have a 'Dental Home' other than the hospital emergency room. Children from Preschools, Daycare Centers, Head Start programs and Early Childhood Centers will be transported to KSCOHC for dental services. The center will provide and focus on oral health education and oral disease prevention for all children. KinderSmile is reviving the current perinatal health & wellness program for uninsured pregnant women and new mothers offering oral educational workshops and 'free' dental services. Our existing community service learning program will invite students from Bloomfield & Montclair High schools as well as neighboring schools to shadow our dental professionals and assist with conducting oral educational workshops for children. A volunteer dental program will

#### The KinderSmile Foundation

#### More Good News...

Our key strategy for 2016 is for the KinderSmile Foundation to establish dental homes for all patients

#### **Donations & Grants**

#### **Donations:**

National Children's Oral Health Foundation - A-dec dental cabinets and clinical supplies

American Dental Association - dental supplies

Henry Schein - dental supplies Essex County Dental Society -\$1,000

New Jersey Dental Association - \$500, for GKAS, 2016

Bloomfield United Way - \$100, promotable items for giveaways

DonateAToothBrush, Inc. donated 1,000 plus toothbrushes

Dr. Joseph Molina - donated dental supplies & equipment

Dr. David Blauss - donated a dental chair, x-ray machine& equipment

Dr. Robert Elkas - donated a dental chair, x-ray machine, dental supplies and instruments

#### **Grants:**

Delta Dental of NJ - \$25,000

#### **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. be in place for volunteer dental professionals to provide services for uninsured pregnant women and children. Partnership with the Community FoodBank of Newark and other community organizations will help to increase oral disease awareness and provide oral care access for many. The Center will be open in time for back to school check-ups. KSCOHC will be open 6 days a week, including evening hours for working parents. It is our goal to build oral health equity in underserved communities. Please join us as we build healthier communities.



Stand with KinderSmile Foundation through a charitable gift donation. Together, we can transform the quality of dental health to underserve and uninsured pediatric population.

Calling all Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants to volunteer at KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center. Click Here

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# KinderSmile 9th Annual Give Kids a Smile Oral Health Fair

As the calendar turns another page, KSF sponsored their 9th annual GKAS Oral Health Fair on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park Street, Montclair, NJ. The event provided free dental services - oral examinations, prophylaxis treatments, and fluoride applications, radiographs and dental health education to low-income and uninsured children. There were a total of 118 children treated, 39 adults (teachers, caregivers, parents). Follow-up dental care will be provided through our links with a dental home for further treatment.



KinderSmile Foundation Board Member Appeal

### **Special Thanks**

The Montclair Business
Partnership (Bowling for Smiles)

Partners for Health Foundation, Pam Scott, sponsor \$500 ticket

Comodo (Internet Security Support Group), sponsor \$225 ticket

4 Color Printers, donated banner

Grove Basket & Gifts, sponsor \$100 ticket

Digital Image Group, Johnny Balji, donated a Tablet as a 2nd place prize worth \$100

9 Sail, donated toward the photo booth

LCD Mortgage, donated towards the photo booth

The BGill Group (BGG), sponsor \$100 ticket

Johnny Balji Holly Kaplansky Minuteman Press of Newark

Rutgers Dental Students, 3rd yr. KSF Board Members & Staff

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Dr. Thomas Rossi examining a child

Volunteers included dentists, registered dental hygienists, dental assistants, registered dietician (Shop Rite, West Orange, NJ), Rutgers pre-dental students, NJIT Pre-dental student, student members of KSF Jr. Board and Montclair High School students. There were 82 community volunteers, Delta Dental Foundation team, board members, staff, and interns from KinderSmile. Bussing was provided by KSF transporting a total of 101 children, teachers, caregivers, from East Orange Child Development Center, Head Start (4 sites), Montclair Child Development Center, Head Start (Orange & Montclair), Each 1, Teach1 Academy of Bloomfield, Precious Jewels Child Care Center and the Neighborhood Child Care Center of Montclair.



Princess Bella and Dr. Kyung Ha

A luncheon of pizza, dessert, coffee and bagels was donated by Nauna's Bella Casa Ristorante of Montclair, NJ and Starbucks of Montclair, NJ. Entertainment and activities for all the children included arts and crafts; face painting; The Magician and his assistant Super Hero; and Bella the Princess and her Guide Dog.A luncheon of pizza, dessert, coffee and bagels was donated by Nauna's Bella Casa Ristorante of Montclair, NJ and Starbucks of Montclair, NJ. Entertainment and activities for all the children included arts and

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We thank all our volunteers for their hard work and time to promote and improve the oral health of our children of Essex County, NJ. There is a mutual pride and dedication in our Community to help those in need. Collaborating as a team ensures that we can meet our goal.



The entire 'GKAS' dental team.

## **KSF Presentation at Rutgers Pre-Dental Society**

Nicole Czajka, President of the pre-dental society at Rutgers University extended an invitation to Dr. Nicole McGrath, Founder of KSF, Dr. Ethan Glickman, board member and Giany Salinas, intern/volunteer to speak to the group. Dr. McGrath spoke about the KinderSmile Foundation and philanthropic dentistry. Dr. Glickman addressed the importance of organized dentistry and Mr. Salinas's shared his volunteer experience with KSF. There were over 50 students attending the presentation that was enthusiastically appreciated.



# Community Service learning Program / Jr. Board Highlights, 2016

Over 40 high school students from Montclair High School, Columbia High School and Montclair Kimberly Academy volunteered in KSF 9th annual GKAS oral health fair and received 6 hours of community service.

The Jr. Board members of KinderSmile Foundation are preparing for their 7th annual international outreach trip to Grenada, West Indies, May 24-30, 2016. They will assist in delivering 'free' dental services to 300 children at St. Andrews School. They expect to raise \$35,000 for their trip. Most of our Jr. Board members will be graduating high school this year. They will continue to serve as KSF veterans while at college. Our five pre-dental interns are: Nicole Czajka, a senior at Rutgers University will be attending Rutgers Dental School in August, 2016 and Ben Kahan, a Rutgers University pre-dental student. Anaria Chacko and Giany Salinas are graduate students at Rutgers University Biomedical Program, applying to dental school, 2017. Casey Zimmer, a student at Ramapo College, is a recent addition to KSF working on KinderSmile interactive programs. Applications for new students will be going out to Bloomfield High School and neighboring schools this year.



## Partnership, Bloomfield Dept. of Health & Board of Education

KinderSmile will be a permanent dental home for uninsured children who will now have access to dental treatment. These children receive medical services at the Department of Health. The pediatric medical and dental care will be more closely connected through the Bloomfield Dept. of Health & Board of Education. These kinds of collaborative opportunities will help further KSF oral health efforts to reach communities in order to create a cavity-free generation.



# America's ToothFairy Celebrates 10 Years

Dr. Nicole McGrath attended the 10th anniversary gala reception of America's ToothFairy of the National Children's Oral Health Foundation in February. Through collaborative efforts of corporate and civic leaders, educators and health professionals, the American ToothFairy supports the prevention of oral disease and promotes oral health for at-risk children. Several important leaders were honored during the celebration.



Robin Vann, National Programs Manager & Attendee Dr. Nicole McGrath

## **New Jersey Dental Association**

Dr. Nicole McGrath, Chair of Membership Council, NJDA and Treasurer/President-Elect for Essex County Dental Society was a guest speaker on March 9, 2016 at the New Jersey Dental Association, Floss & Gloss, Women in Dentistry Conference. Their focus this year is 'Mind, Body, & Soul". Dr. McGrath spoke on her passion and experience in Philanthropic

Dentistry.



Dr. Nicole McGrath, Dr. Sara Kalambur and Dr. Bonnie Stanley, Dental Director NJ Familycare

# PBS TV Discussion, Dr. Nicole McGrath, Panelist

Dr. McGrath participated in a panel discussion on March 15, 2016 at PBS TV, "Caucus: New Jersey", Oral Health Access. The guest panelists also included: Dr. Sam Wakim, Chief Dental Officer, Zufall Community Health Center, Dr. Mario Ramos, Assistant Director, Children's Dental Center at the Boys and Girls Club in Newark, and Dr. Mary Voytus, Director of Dental Residency at Hackensack UMC Montainside, NJ. Steve Adubato, television news anchor for NJTV/PBS was the commentator.



#### Welcome Board Member

Laurence Whittam was our very first Jr. Board Member and now joins KinderSmile's Board of Trustees. He is currently employed at OX Accounting firm as Business Development Manager. He served as President of the Jr. Board during the period 2009 - 2013 and was founder of the KinderSmile Club while a student at Ramapo College of NJ. A 2014 graduate of Ramapo College with a Bachelor of Business Administration, he is presently involved with other volunteers in the development of the KinderSmile Interactive Oral Health Program.

We extend a warm welcome to Laurence. We are very proud and honored for his continued partnership to our Foundation.



## **Testimonials**

..."how excited I am that the toothbrushes from DonateAToothbrush will be used to help children at KinderSmile Health Center in Bloomfield". -Paige, Donate AToothbrush

"As an elementary school nurse, I see many children come to my office complaining of mouth pain due to cavities and abscess. Recently a student came to my office with a severe toothache and abscess. I called KinderSmile and they arranged for a dental appointment the next day..."Thank you for caring for our children; you are invaluable"! -Christine, Montclair School Nurse

- ..."I heard you speak in tonight's pre-dental meeting and want to say thank you. I was truly inspired by your passion for the field and helping children..." "Dr. Glickman, Dr. Meisel and Giany have motivated me to push and actively pursue a field in dentistry..." -Jasmine, Rutgers University Student
- ...."I gladly enjoyed the introductory meeting I attended held at Rutgers... "I feel this Foundation perfectly matches my passions...add me to the KSF email list...I aim to become a committed helping hand..." Brittany, Rutgers University student

## Corrections to Fall Issue, 2015

- 1. Bowling for Smiles Fundraiser reported a total of \$375. The event raised \$1,900.
- 2. Russian Conference, "Building Bridges" omitted Dr. Sara Kalambur, Program Director, and a visiting attendee at the Conference.













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