



Tooth Talk

The newsletter of the Miles of Smiles Inc. Portable Dental Program

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A Look At 2012



What happened both at national & local levels:

- **June 1st**—Decade of Smiles Luncheon Celebration: Almost 200 guests, and raised over \$20,000.
- **July**—Affordable Health Care Act goes into affect in 2014. Although many will receive benefits, oral health services are not part of the package.
- **August 20th**—7th Annual

Hearts & Hands Charity Golf Classic. Hosted by Argosy Casino & held at The National Golf Club of Kansas City. The tournament had over 36 teams participate, and raised \$40,000.

- **August & October**—Miles of Smiles welcomed 2 new dentists on staff: Rebecca Parr & Susan McDonald. Both Parr & McDonald graduated from UMKC Dental school in May 2012.
- **November 15th**—Kearney School District presented Miles of Smiles with an Award of Excellence.
- **December 8th**—Miles of Smiles participated in the 1st Annual Platte Co. Health Dept. Day of Hope: Over 1,300 attended. Attendees received hair cuts, family photos, groceries, hygiene packs, coats, blankets, medical & oral health exams. Over 180 oral exams were provided at the event.

Bridging the Gap

Patient Statistics

In 2012, we saw **2,256** patients, and had **5,990** chair visits.

- **57%** of our patients are on Medicaid
- **43%** are uninsured
- **28%** are ages 2 to 9
- **55%** are ages 10 to 15
- **17%** are ages 16 to 18
- **21%** of our patients are clinically needy (four or more teeth needing restoration)
- **67%** of returning patients have fewer cavities than their first visit
- **99%** of our patients complete their treatment plan

Patient Demographics

- **55%** Caucasian
- **17%** African American
- **12%** Hispanic
- **16%** Other



At the root

Thank You To Our Supporters

Miles of Smiles is fortunate to have tremendous support from the Northland community. We extend our thanks to the school professionals for valuing our service, and for making it possible for children in need to receive services; our thanks to the Miles of Smiles staff for hard work and passion for oral hygiene; our thanks to the Board for leadership and governance; and to all of our donors, whose support makes all of this possible.

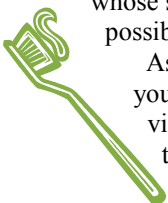
As an illustration of what your support allows us to provide, the Miles of Smiles dental team started seeing Christopher (age 6) and

Xzavia (age 7) at an elementary school last year. Both children had a great deal of dental work done and teeth removed, as a result of not brushing or flossing, and eating and drinking sugary snacks and sodas. This year, both children still did not brush and continued to snack on sugary foods.

With the help of the school nurse, Charlene, the Miles of Smiles team had Christopher and Xzavia start brushing their teeth two times a day at school, so even if they do not brush at home the dentists know it is getting done at school. Charlene made each of the children a brushing chart and watches them brush every day they have school. With the hab-

it of brushing twice a day being instilled while at school, the dentists hope both children will begin to do it by themselves when not in school.

Since being shown how to brush, Christopher and Xzavia are doing a much better job and are eating healthy snacks and drinking water, instead of soda. Christopher only had 1 cavity this year versus 8 cavities last year. Xzavia only had 2 small cavities compared to 5 cavities last year. After implementing the brushing routine at school, the Miles of Smiles team hopes to Christopher and Xzavia will be cavity free when they visit next year. ♦



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Miles of Smiles school visits through the end of the school year!

Schools	Dates
Gracemore Elementary	January 23 to February 19
Line Creek Elementary	January 23 to February 22
Winnwood Elementary	February 20 to March 8
Topping Elementary	February 25 to March 8
Smithville Schools	March 11 to March 22
Congress/Early Childhood	March 11 to March 22
Chouteau Elementary	March 25 to April 5
Platte R III Schools	April 2 to April 29
Excelsior Springs Schools	April 8 to June 7
Southeast Elementary	April 29 to June 7

SAVE THE DATE!

Miles of Smiles Annual Luncheon

Date: Friday, April 5, 2013

Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Argosy Casino's Grand Ballroom

The luncheon will feature a panel of the following healthcare professionals as the guest speakers. These professionals will be involved in a Q&A session, so here's your chance to discuss with them the importance of oral health in children's lives.

Kathy Ellermeier, MSN, RN—Director of Health Services for the Liberty Public Schools

Mike McCunniff, DDS—Professor of Community & Public Health at UMKC School of Dentistry

Robin Onikul, DDS—Chair Person of Pediatric Dentistry at Children's Mercy Hospital

Master of Ceremonies—Susan Hiland, Fox 4 News

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