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Delta Dental Foundation Awards \$1,500 Smiles for Kids Grant to the Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center

Burlington, NC (Feb. 16, 2017) – The Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center received a \$1,500 Smiles for Kids grant from the [Delta Dental Foundation](#) (DDF) to provide children with oral health education at community outreach events, local daycares and Head Start centers. The grant will also fund a supply of oral health materials, such as toothbrushes and dental floss, to distribute to children at these educational events.

The Alamance County Children's Health Center offers a variety of oral health treatments for its youth, including cleanings, fluoride treatment, infant oral care, nutrition counseling, extractions and emergency treatment up to the age of 21 years old. The health center also accompanies the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures® mobile dental unit at schools across the county, offering activities that encourage high school students to learn more about pediatric dentistry. They currently serve 3,500 to 4,000 children annually.

"We are very excited to accept this grant from Delta Dental," said Health Director Stacie Saunders. "This is the third year that we have received this award and with it we will be able to continue to serve children in Alamance County with high quality dental equipment and care."

The Delta Dental Foundation focuses on ensuring that children and adults in North Carolina receive high-quality oral health education and dental care. The grant received by the Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center is one of 21 grants totaling \$45,000 that DDNC is donating to North Carolina oral health organizations and programs. This is the third year Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center has been awarded a Smiles for Kids grant. Grant recipients were selected based on criteria that included the number of at-risk children served, the uniqueness of the program, the level of community involvement in the program and the ability to measure results.

"One of Delta Dental of North Carolina's core values is our commitment to the community and the efforts of local organizations enhancing the oral health of those around us," said Curt Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. "We take pride in supporting like-minded organizations such as the Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center because we know we're influencing children's health and their quality of life for the better."

About Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center

To meet the dental needs of the county, the Alamance County Health Department created a dental clinic for children in 1998. Assuring that children in Alamance County receive adequate dental care regardless of their ability to pay is the primary goal of the clinic. The clinic provides a variety of dental services such as X-rays, fillings, root canals and extractions as well as community outreach and education. For more information, visit <http://www.alamance-nc.com/health>

About the Delta Dental Foundation

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The foundation’s goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit www.deltadentalnc.com.

About Delta Dental of North Carolina

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of providers, including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina.



Pictured L to R: Dr. George Ackall, Dentist; Curt Ladig, President and CEO of Delta Dental; Dr. Elizabeth Krzysztoforska, Alamance County Children’s Dental Clinic Director; and Stacie Turpin Saunders, Alamance County Health Director

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