



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Delta Dental of North Carolina
4242 Six Forks Road
Suite 970
Raleigh, NC 27609

Contact:
Elaine Loyack
ELoyack@DeltaDentalNC.com
(919) 424-1044

Delta Dental Foundation Awards \$5,000 Smiles for Kids Grant to the Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center

Burlington, NC (May 8, 2018) – The Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center received a \$5,000 Smiles for Kids grant from the [Delta Dental Foundation](#) (DDF) to purchase four new hygiene hand piece kits. These new hand pieces will greatly assist the dental clinic in providing quality care to the underserved populations that they serve by replacing worn-out equipment.

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. They currently serve 3,500 to 4,000 children annually, and the hand pieces are one of the most frequently used items in the dental practice.

"We can always count on the support of the Delta Dental Foundation," said Dr. Ackall the Dental Director of the Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center. "This grant will enable us to replace obsolete hand pieces, which allows us to continue providing the best oral health care to the people we serve."

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 19 grants totaling \$65,800 that DDF is donating to North Carolina oral health organizations and programs. This is the fourth 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.

"The Delta Dental Foundation focuses on the importance of childhood oral health and the hazards children may face," said Curt Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. "We take pride in our foundation's support of 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."



Left to right: Dr. George Ackall, Children’s Health Center Director; Linda Pinyatello, Children’s Dental Health Center Manager; Stacie Turpin Saunders, Alamance County Health Director; and Curtis Ladig, Delta Dental Foundation President

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.

###