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Delta Dental® of Kentucky Champions Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center's 'Smiles for Kids' Program
Delta Dental donates $40,000 to expand access to dental care through school-based dental services

(Louisville, KY) October 23, 2018- Delta Dental® of Kentucky is continuing to Make Smiles Happen with a $40,000 donation to the Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center's 'Smiles for Kids' program.

Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center (SCHC) is a federally qualified health center located in west Louisville, Kentucky. The center specializes in serving low income, and medically underserved patients. In early 2017, a dental clinic was established at the center. With the grant from Delta Dental, SCHC will enhance the clinic's pediatric dental services which will include expanding the 'Smile for Kids' program to encompass new school-based dental clinics. These site locations will be at Young Elementary, Byck Elementary, Hazelwood Elementary, Duvalle Education Center, and Dawson Orman Education Center.

The first school-based dental clinic in Jefferson county was established in 2016 when SCHC first partnered with the Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) system. Video specialists from JCPS were on-site at Hazelwood Elementary on the afternoon of Oct. 22 to capture the partnership between JCPS, SCHC, and Delta Dental- the piece highlights the importance of the services being provided to students. Footage from the event can be found here. Photographs are available upon request.

"This year alone, the JCPS Board of Education approved five new schools and early education sites to receive these school-based dental services," says Lindsay Nelson, the Director of Development and Grant Programs at Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center. "That's a huge stride for oral health care in Louisville- an accomplishment made possible by Delta Dental. We're looking forward to their continued partnership in hopes that this is only the beginning of continuing to establish these school-based services across the city."

Every year, Delta Dental of Kentucky reaffirms its commitment to support programs and services that improve the oral health of our citizens, and enhance the quality of life through philanthropic programs.

"We're always looking for ways to brighten smiles across Kentucky," says Jude Thompson, Chief Executive Office, Delta Dental of Kentucky. "In a recent health survey, we discovered more than 50 percent of 3rd and 6th graders in Louisville have experienced, or are currently experiencing, an event of tooth decay or the occurrence of a cavity. We're looking forward to this partnership with the Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center and appreciate their shared interest in reducing this staggering statistic."

'Smile for Kids' will integrate oral health into primary care services and provide a full range of patient-centered dental care. These services will include screenings, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, extractions, crowns, gum care, and root canals. These comprehensive dental services will be provided in both school-based settings and clinic settings.

About Delta Dental of Kentucky and Making Smiles Happen®:

Delta Dental of Kentucky is committed to bright smiles and healthy lifestyles for its 700,000 enrollees and the communities we serve. Delta Dental of Kentucky is part of a family of companies that collectively are among the largest, most experienced dental plan administrators in the nation. Our network of providers gives our customers access to high-quality, affordable dental care.

Delta Dental of Kentucky's Foundation promises to serve our communities and residents one smile at a time. Aimed with the task of promoting oral health to the citizens of Kentucky, the philanthropic corporate giving supports many non-profit partners. Giving back is a core component of our culture at Delta Dental, and our Foundation enables this support to be given to organizations that champion a better quality of life for citizens throughout our Commonwealth.

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