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## **Delta Dental® of Kentucky Empowers Employees to Give with More Than \$60,000 in Donation Stipends** Delta Dental donates to more than forty Kentucky non-profits through new Employee Giving Program

**(Louisville, KY) November XX**, **2018**- Delta Dental<sup>®</sup> of Kentucky is giving back to the Commonwealth like never before. Through their new Employee Giving Program, more than forty non-profits from across the state each received a \$1,000 check on behalf of Delta Dental employees. Each employee was given the opportunity to select a non-profit of their choice to receive the donation.

This Employee Giving Program is funded through Delta Dental's Making Smiles Happen<sup>®</sup> initiative, a foundation based on Delta Dental's commitment to improving the oral health for all Kentuckians through charitable giving programs. Delta Dental of Kentucky values their employees and wanted to directly impact organizations that were important to each employee.

Delta Dental accomplished this philanthropic mission through the Community Foundation of Louisville. Once the giving plan was in place, leadership from Delta Dental notified employees of the opportunity, in which they each submitted the name of the non-profit they wished to support. As a corporate partner of the Community Foundation of Louisville, the organization helped ensure that Delta Dental's charitable giving achieved maximum impact in the community.

"We're lucky to live in a remarkably generous community," says Anne McKune, Director of Philanthropy at the Community Foundation of Louisville. "Businesses like Delta Dental of Kentucky are thinking outside the box when it comes to enriching their community, and we're happy to help make their creative giving ideas a reality."

Nonprofit recipients from the Employee Giving Program include, but are not limited to:

- Children's Hospital Foundation
- Dare to Care Food Bank
- Living Hope Baptist Church (Hope Center for Pregnancy Fund)
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Steven Vanover Foundation
- Humane Society of Oldham County
- The Healing Place
- American Heart Association
- Kosair Charities
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Louisville
- Care AA Pregnancy Help Center

Engaging employees can improves employee job satisfaction and increases retention- two things Delta Dental sees as imperative to company success.

"At Delta Dental, we're constantly pursuing different ways to remain active within the community," says Angie Nenni, Chief Administrative Officer at Delta Dental. "Along with that, we're committed to creating a healthy work environment that will continue to foster employee involvement. Community giving and the wellbeing of our employees are two very important aspects of Delta Dental, and this program engages both of these pivotal company values."

"I feel very proud to work for a company that cares about their employees as well as the needs of our community," says Susan Brock, Delta Dental of Kentucky's Manager of Professional Services. "Delta Dental's Employee Giving Program has allowed me to donate to a non-profit organization that personally impacts me and my family. I am thankful for the opportunity to participate and contribute to these worthy causes. The support of Delta Dental not only contributes to organizations close to their employee's hearts but improves the oral health and quality of life for the community as a whole."

This is the first time Delta Dental has implemented the Employee Giving Program, but the company looks forward to continuing the program for years to come. If interested, please inquire for a full list of organizations that received donations from Delta Dental's Employee Giving Program.

## 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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