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**Open Arms Children’s Health Partners with Delta Dental**  
*Dental Clinic sponsored by Delta Dental*



**Louisville, Ky. (May 22, 2018)** – Open Arms Children’s Health and Delta Dental have partnered to ensure continued quality dental health services to children in our community. The collaboration provides the Open Arms Children’s Health Dental Clinic with support for their current patients as well as plans to expand in the future.

"We are committed to creating healthy smiles, and we're thrilled for a multi-year partnership with the Open Arms Children’s Health Dental Clinic at Home of the Innocents," Delta Dental of Kentucky CEO Jude Thompson said. "The clinic expansion will allow us to provide oral health services to some of Louisville's most vulnerable children year after year. We couldn't be more thankful to work alongside such a purposeful organization to benefit the well-being of children and families in our community."

Both organizations agree that expanding quality dental care to all children, especially those at risk, is extremely important. "One in five children, ages 5-11, have at least one untreated decayed tooth. Partnering with Delta Dental enables us to provide care to more children in our community and bring that number down," explains Dr. Uday Bahunutula, Director of Pediatric Dentistry at Open Arms.

"At the Open Arms Dental Clinic, we reach children who have medical complexities that make a visit to the dentist a challenge, children of refugee families, those in the foster care system, and others who, before our clinic opened in 2010, did not have access to a dentist. The partnership we've made with Delta Dental ensures that we can continue to provide quality dental care to children across our community," explained Paul Robinson, Home of the Innocents President & CEO.

At the Open Arms Dental Clinic sponsored by Delta Dental, providers ensure that going to the dentist can be a fun and positive experience from the moment a child walks in the door. The dental care team is

experienced with child behavior and development, specially trained and equipped to treat all children, no matter what needs they may have.

### **About Open Arms Children's Health**

Open Arms Children's Health meets the medical, dental and behavioral needs of children, including those who have special needs. With services located under one roof, families no longer have to drive from appointment to appointment. Children can see a doctor, dentist, or behavioral health therapist by simply walking from one exam room to another.

### **Home of the Innocents**

Home of the Innocents is where Louisville and the surrounding region's vulnerable children and youth find emotional, physical, and intellectual support that can transform their lives. The Home provides a range of important residential, treatment and community-based programs.

Serving more than 8,500 children and their families last year, Home of the Innocents offers a variety of programs. Those include offering a safe haven for at-risk children; pediatric medical care; shelter and education for pregnant and parenting teens; crisis and intervention services; clinical treatment services and therapeutic loving foster and adoption services. The Home also operates a pediatric convalescent center for children who are dependent on technology to sustain life, as well as children who are terminally ill.

### **About Delta Dental of Kentucky and Making Smiles Happen®**

Delta Dental of Kentucky is a not-for-profit company that 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.

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

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