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Volunteer Spotlight: What GKAS Means to Me!

As a dental student, I knew early on I wanted to work with children, and my volunteer experiences with Give Kids a Smile helped solidify my decision. The organization provides children with services they may not otherwise be able to receive, and it was very gratifying to be a part of making a difference to their oral health. Simple victories like making a tooth stop hurting can make a huge impact for children who lack access to regular dental treatment. Organizations like Give Kids a Smile make me proud to be entering the dental profession, and I hope to continue my volunteer work in the future.

-Corey Hastings, DDS

Volunteering with Give Kids a Smile means so much more to me than just serving at a clinic. Ever since I entered the field of dentistry, I've had a soft spot for children, their health, and helping them to have positive dental experiences. The clinic allows these kids who may not otherwise be able to have dental care, to receive it in a caring and fun environment. Knowing that I'm playing a part in the big picture of each child's life is what means the most to me.

-Morgan Nahlik, Second Year Dental Student at UMKC School of Dentistry



GKAS It's NOT just a clinic twice a year.... We were busy ALL Summer LONG!

What better way to beat the heat than to participate in community outreach all summer long? That is what Give Kids a Smile volunteers did this year. We hosted our annual **Golfing Fore Kids** Golf Tournament at Bogey Hills Country Club in June. It was an absolutely beautiful day full of great golf and was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated. July we were busy with health fairs. We presented at **Redbird rookies** held on **July 9** at UMSL and **Back to School** on **July 24** at the Congregation temple Israel. Through the help of our volunteers we were able to see over 2,000 children and 844 adults donating **\$222,384** in care this summer alone. It is truly remarkable what a reach our programs have in our community. We are always looking for volunteers to help at events similar to these throughout the year. It is the perfect opportunity to get community service hours for high school and/or pre-dental students, but these events are fun for all! If you or someone you know would be interested in the opportunity to give back you can find sign up forms and additional information is on our website.

THANK YOU!!!!

GKAS is supported by many foundations, organizations, and individuals. Without their financial and In-kind support, our free clinics and services could not be rendered. We are sincerely grateful. Here is just a small list that we would like to thank at this time.

OUR clinic VOLUNTEERS

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Without your help we would not be able to provide the quality of care that we do to the patients in need. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

Clinic—Oct 28-29, 2016
Clinic—Feb 10-11, 2017
Trivia Night—May 12, 2017
Golf—June 5, 2017



And What a Summer it has Been!!



Save the Date for October's Clinic!

Our 30th Clinic will be held this year at St. Louis University's School for Advanced Dental Education on **Friday October 28th and Saturday October 29th**. With your help, we hope to treat nearly 650 kids! Volunteers are always needed to fulfill roles in all aspects of the clinic. Please visit our website at www.GKAS.org to sign up online, or if you prefer, simply call Patti or Joan at the GKAS office at 636-397-6453. We hope you can join us at GKAS and the many other volunteers from across the region for a fun and rewarding weekend of giving back to the kids in our community.



BIG Happy, Healthy Mouth Smile

and **THANK YOU** To

CUIVRE River Electric Members for their
Generous donation through Operation Round up.
Our future clinic patients thank you more than you know!

Same Great Night New Location!!



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting this year's TRIVIA night at Mercy Hospital on
May 12, 2017.

SAVE the DATE for a fun night for a GREAT cause!

