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Volunteer Spotlight: What GKAS Means to Me!

Volunteering for GKAS is of course a very heartwarming experience. Not only being able to help the hundreds of children with their dental care, but just watching every clinic being planned and pulled together is always amazing. On Thursday evening, it's very impressive watching the transformation of the SLU clinic come together for GKAS, with all the signs, balloons and setting up the different stations, etc.

It gives me a feeling of great camaraderie when I arrive on Friday and Saturday mornings, and see all of the volunteers coming in with smiles on their faces ready to begin a day of helping the children in many different capacities. Every clinic seems to run so efficiently with everyone working together. It makes me feel proud of our dental community!

And then we come to the most important people, the children! How much fun for some of them to have their first dental experience in such an awesome place. To be able to give the needed treatment to each child is something we should all feel proud of!

-Deborah A Mittendorf, RDH

GKAS has allowed our family to support our community in a meaningful way. We were able to meet new people and share an experience that we will not forget. My children and I were overwhelmed with the amount of generosity and kindness that each volunteer portrayed and the appreciation from the families receiving care. We are proud to be a part of an organization that truly brings a smile to everyone involved.

-Kristie, Johnathan, and Cassie Widdows



GKAS Kicks off Grandparent's Day!

This year at our February Clinic we kicked off a program we are referring to as "**GRANDPARENT DAY.**" This program is designed to reach out to senior members of the family and to address their specific oral health care needs. We know that starting with early intervention is best however, research has shown that "no matter what your age, you need to take care of your teeth and mouth. With a population that is maintaining their natural teeth longer, it is important to ensure healthy habits at all ages. When your mouth is healthy, you can easily eat the foods you need for good nutrition. Smiling, talking and laughing with others also are easier when your mouth is healthier. We would like to give a very **Special thank you** to the Daughters of Charity Foundation for the grant to fund the launch of our "Grandparents Stations". With their help we will be able to reach children's families throughout the community. If you would be interested in volunteering for this special program please contact Joan at the GKAS office--636-397-6453.

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!

We're off to a great 2016!

**A BIG Congratulations to our 2016 Hero Award Recipient's:
Dr. Pat Roach and Dr. Shelly Sarich** (pictured far Left)



And another to our Executive Director, Joan Allen, who received this year's Award of Merit from GSLDS (pictured with Dr. Flavin)

Summer will be here before we know it and we need YOU!

Did you know that GKAS active in the community all year long? Through the help of our volunteers we participate in community outreach in many different capacities. During the school year, and especially during Children's Dental Health Month in February, we visit many area school and Childcare centers teaching our youth about the importance of dental health. And **ALL** summer long we are busy working with outreach organizations participating in Health fairs throughout our community. We are always looking for volunteers at these events. 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! This Summer's big events will be **Redbird rookies** held on **July 9** at UMSL and **Back to School** on **July 24** at the Congregation temple Israel at Ladue and Spoeede Rds. 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.

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.

Upcoming events

April 29, 2016: Trivia Night
June 6, 2016: Golf Tournament
October 28th and 29th: Biannual Clinic