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Dental Champions Corner

A few slots remain in Dental Champions Class 7! Class 7 will focus on preserving and expanding water fluoridation in communities across Kansas. If you or anyone you know is interested in this opportunity, [email Sarah](#) today!

OHK Receives Grant for Community Development

OHK was one of three statewide oral health coalitions to receive a grant from the DentaQuest Foundation to support the establishment and growth of community coalitions. In partnership with the Michigan Oral Health Coalition and the Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition, OHK will demonstrate the value of local and regional groups identifying and implementing strategies so that their residents experience good oral health. OHK will support local communities with leadership training, coaching, technical assistance, seed money grants for small projects and a variety of educational resources.



Funding was awarded as part of the Foundation's new Oral Health 2020 initiative, through which the DentaQuest Foundation is taking another major step in its national movement to eradicate dental disease in children and improve oral health across the lifespan.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's past projects in eight of their local communities developed the idea for Reinventing Oral Health: A Midwest Collaborative Initiative. Our partners in Michigan invited Kansas and Wisconsin to share in this grant award to develop a Midwest collaborative to formally connect local stakeholders to state and national partners. Oral Health Kansas also has a long and successful history of doing this kind of work and we are excited to have additional resources to assist local

KMOM Registration is Open!

Volunteer registration for the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) in Salina is now open!



Kansas Mission of Mercy
Making a Difference

The 14th annual event will take place February 13 - 14 at the Salina Bicentennial Center. [Register here for KMOM Salina!](#)

CDC launches program

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is launching their 2015 Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) host site recruitment initiative. If you want more information and are interesting in becoming a host site, [click here!](#)

communities in their work.

New changes to OHK Board

At the end of December, OHK said goodbye to Board Secretary Lougene Marsh and Communications Committee chair Kim Gronniger. Lougene is stepping down from the board because she will begin serving as the chair of the board of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments in January. Kim began a new position at the Topeka Chamber of Commerce. We thank them both for their constant service and support of Oral Health Kansas.

OHK is excited to announce two new members of the board. Robyne Goates of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas as well as Barb Conant of Kansas Advocates for Better Care will be welcome additions to the board. Both Robyne and Barb are Dental Champions from Class 6.

Thank you to Lougene, Kim, Robyne, and Barb for their dedication to oral health in Kansas!

Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Don't forget to reserve our traveling sugary drink display for 2015! Common locations for our drink display include schools, libraries, and dental offices. We are making some exciting changes to the display so don't miss out! [Email Sarah](#) if you are interested in hosting the display. Want more information? [Click here!](#)



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