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Weekly Wednesday Update

*Our Mission:
To improve oral health
in Kansas through
advocacy,
public awareness
and education.*

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Dental Champions Corner:

Congratulations to Greg Hill, JD (Class 2), who was recognized this year as the Outstanding Dental Champion. Greg's

Kansans honored with Excellence in Oral Health Awards

Six Kansas advocates and organizations were honored for the outstanding dedication to improving oral health during the 2013 Excellence in Oral Health Awards on November 8 at a ceremony at Johnson County Community College.

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Celebrating a Decade of Advancing Oral Health in Kansas

Each year Oral Health Kansas recognizes outstanding service providers, volunteers, advocates and policy makers who contribute to improving the fabric of the state's oral health system.

This year the following people and organizations were honored with Excellence in Oral Health Awards:

Outstanding Dental Hygienist:
Denise Maus, RDH

Outstanding Dentist:

dedication to the Dental Champions program and to improving oral health in our state is second to none, and we were proud to recognize his accomplishments with the 2013 Outstanding Dental Champion Award.



Thanks to Conference Sponsors!

Oral Health Kansas thanks the following organizations for sponsoring the 2013 Conference:

Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation

Comfort Dental

KDHE Bureau of Oral Health

DentaQuest

REACH Healthcare Foundation

Johnson County Community College

Kansas Dental Association

Medical Products Laboratories

Scion Dental

Charles Squire, DDS

Outstanding Volunteer:

Kathy Heerwald and the DCI Students at the Topeka Correctional Facility

Bob Bethell Award for Outstanding Policy Maker:

Dr. Kathy Weno & the Bureau of Oral Health

Outstanding Organization:
Heartspring

Outstanding Community Leader:
Judy Johnston

Also this year, three funders were recognized for their long-term support of Oral Health Kansas and the annual conference. Each has sponsored the Oral Health Kansas for five years: REACH Healthcare Foundation, Kansas Bureau of Oral Health, Kansas Dental Association. They joined three other funders as sponsors for five years or more: United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. The generous support of these funders makes the continuing education and networking opportunities at the annual conference possible.

Each week, Oral Health Kansas will share story of one of our 2013 award winners. Congratulations to each. You are an inspiration to us all!

Economist shares data about dental care utilization

During the November 7-8 Oral Health Kansas Conference, an ADA health economist shared new data about dental care utilization in the United States. Data included details about the increased utilization of dental services by Kansas children served by the Medicaid program, as well as a decline in the number of adults accessing dental services. The data also showed that adults are

