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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:

Thank you to the 107 Kansans who have been a part of the Dental Champions Leadership Program.

Each of you is making a difference in improving oral health every day in our state.

Happy Thanksgiving from Oral Health Kansas!

The season of thanks offers us the chance to tell all of our supporters how much we appreciate your dedication to the Oral Health Kansas mission over the last ten years. Together we have been able to accomplish amazing things to improve Kansans' access to dental providers, ways to pay for dental services, and understanding of the importance of dental care. We have miles to go, but we look back on the last ten years with gratitude. Thank you for being part of our journey. We look forward to the next ten years with you!



Learn more about the Dental Champions program at our new website

www.ksdentalchampions.org



Did You Know...

You can find county-level data on everything from poverty levels to availability of dental clinics in the new [2013 Kansas Oral Health Snapshot](#).

2013 KANSAS ORAL HEALTH SNAPSHOT
A Kansas County Profile



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During our conference earlier this month, we had an opportunity to share the following message from our founding Executive Director Teresa Schwab. We would not be where we are without her leadership and vision. Thank you, Teresa, for helping to create the oral health movement in our state.

Dear Tanya and Oral Health Kansas Board Members, Founders, Supporters & Friends,

First, let me say a BIG CONGRATULATIONS on your 10-year anniversary...what a tremendous accomplishment! While I am sad that I cannot be with you in person today, please know that I am with you in spirit and celebrating alongside you all.



I am honored to have played a small role in the creation of an organization that has truly made a difference for so many people in Kansas. During the creation of Oral Health Kansas and into our early years, I was blessed to work with some of the most passionate, committed and fun people that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

From the moment I walked into my initial interview, through our early years under the wing of the Kansas Public Health Association and being housed at the Kansas Hospital Association, through the creation of the Dental Champions Leadership Program, and through all of our collaborative partnerships, OHK has been a very special organization.

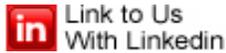
Throughout its conception and birth, OHK was blessed to be guided under the leadership of some extraordinary roll-your-sleeves-up individuals and organizations. I started to list the names of everyone who contributed to the early foundation and success of OHK, but honestly, the list became really, really long. I knew that I would miss someone, and I didn't want to take that risk. Just know, each of you has made an important contribution to something significant, and to each of you that I have had the pleasure of knowing and

working with directly, you hold a lasting and special place in my heart.

Best wishes and continued success to you all!

*Sincerely,
Teresa Schwab*

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