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It's not too late to make a year-end gift

With your help, we are able to advocate for better oral health for Kansans in Topeka, educate people with disabilities about how to take good care of their teeth, share ways caregivers can help children stay cavity-free, and so much more.

- \$25 will ship the sugary drink display to one health department
- \$50 will publish one issue of the Weekly Wednesday Update
- \$100 will educate stakeholders in one community about water fluoridation
- \$250 will send a staff member to four meetings with a local oral health coalition
- \$500 will support two

2017 Policy Priorities Adopted

The Oral Health Kansas Board of Directors has adopted policy priorities to guide the work of the organization throughout 2017.

The [2017 policy priorities](#) focus on the public policy Oral Health Kansas believes are necessary to improve oral health for all Kansans in three broad categories. We believe all people need access to dental providers, as well as the financial capacity to pay for dental services. We also will focus on evidence-based public health strategies that affect oral health.



Oral Health Kansas will play a lead role on advocating in the following policy areas:

- Advocate for policies to grow the reach of Extended Care Permit

health educators to attend a "Teeth for Tots" workshop

- \$1000 will provide an "All Aboard the Cavity-Free Express" event for 15 families

To donate click [here](#).

WE appreciate your continued support!



Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Core Training

The University of Kansas Medical Center is partnering with Healthy Communities Wyandotte to bring the highly reputable Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training from the University of Massachusetts to Kansas.

To find out how to register, click [here](#).



Sugary Drink Display

Schools are on break now, but don't forget to reserve your drink display for when school is in session again!

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use, up to a month and we reimburse postage. You must sign up to reserve a sugary

hygienists into additional underserved communities.

- Advocate for a comprehensive dental benefit for all Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Promote consumer awareness of the pediatric dental policies available on [insureks.org](#) and advocate for affordable implementation of this coverage.
- Preserve existing community water fluoridation in Kansas.
- Encourage all early childhood organizations and agencies to align their policies by adopting the completion of a first dental visit by age one.

A downloadable list of all the 2017 public policy priorities can be found on [our website](#). Brochures will be available in January.

Thirsty for Health Mascot Award

On December 20, Oral Health Kansas staff presented a Fort Scott Middle School student with an award for creating the new mascot for the Thirsty for Health project.

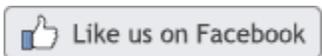
drink display. Reserve a display for your health fair, clinic, school event or child care!



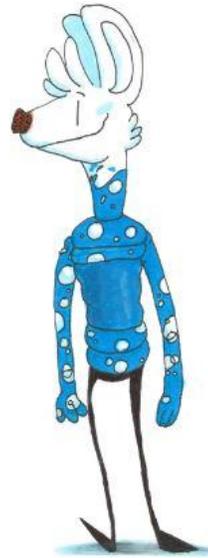
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Seventh-grader Jenna Weikel created a new mascot that will help tell K-12 students across the state why water is a great beverage choice. OHK's Water Access Manager Kelly Rippel presented an award to Jenna for her creativity. He also announced that Fort Scott Middle School will receive a water bottle filling station in recognition of Jenna's achievement.



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