Community Dental Health Grants

In 2011, the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation will accept grant applications for Community Dental Health Grants and they will be continuing their Toothbrush Kit Program.

Community-based oral health programs in Kansas and other not-for-profit organizations are encouraged to apply for a Community Dental Health Grant of up to $20,000. Grants are awarded to those programs designed to improve the oral health of Kansans. Special consideration will be given to those applicants whose programs focus on improving the oral health of low-income children and senior citizens; however, all applications will be considered. Our Community Dental Health Grant guidelines are available on our Web site.

Grant applications are due by Monday, May 2, 2011.

Toothbrush Kit Grants
The Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation provides toothbrush kits for new initiatives, new components of existing programs or one-time events that will include one or more of the following Foundation grant criteria:

- Prevention
- Significant or large impact
- Sustainable solution

Toothbrush Kits will be available for pick up or delivery during the month of August. Applicants will be notified in July regarding the number of kids to be received. The Foundation's
supporters.
Recalling all the happy times,
Remembering how they enriched our lives,
We reflect upon who really counts,
As the fresh and bright new year arrives.
And when we ponder those who count,
We immediately think of you.
Thanks for being one of the reasons We'll have a Happy New Year!

Toothbrush Kit Program guidelines are available on our Website.

All 2011 Toothbrush Kit requests are due by Thursday, June 30, 2011.

For Questions or more information: 913-327-3727
http://deltadentalksfoundation.org

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Tom's of Maine Grant Opportunity

In 2011 Tom's of Maine is recognizing the goodness that mobile dental clinics provide around the country. So often, those with the greatest need for dental care may find themselves out of work, unable to travel to a clinic or working multiple jobs. Beginning in February, we hope you'll take a few minutes to learn more about the important work of ten mobile clinics and vote for the ones you feel are most deserving of additional funding. Together we can bring goodness directly to those who need it.

Timeline

- Online Applications Accepted: December 14, 2010 - January 14, 2011
- Public Online Vote: February 1, 2011 - February 28, 2011
- Winner Announced: On or before March 15, 2011

For more information CLICK HERE

FREE Dental Continuing Education Credits!

The Bureau of Oral Health has posted a new online dental education course: "Medications and Oral Health in Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs" on Kansas TRAIN, the state's online public health educational system. This educational program is free and designed for dental professionals, service providers and caregivers working with special needs populations. Dental professionals who complete
the course and the subsequent evaluation will receive two continuing education credits approved by the Kansas Dental Board. The course was developed by Jim Backes, Pharm.D, an Associate Professor with the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. The course will review the common side effects of prescription and over the counter medications on oral health, and describe strategies for minimizing these effects.

To access the course, CLICK HERE, and register as a Kansas Train user. Once registered, enter course number 1025094 to access the course. This program is the second one in a series designed to educate professionals, parents and caregivers about challenges associated with the oral health of children with special health care needs. The first, collaboration with Oral Health Kansas, "Healthy Smiles for Children with Special Needs" (course number 1015072) is also available.

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please send an email to jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org