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ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

Weekly Wednesday Update

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

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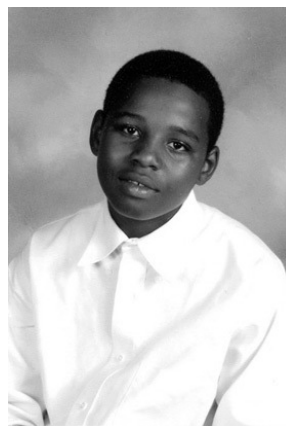
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Weekly Wednesday Update Survey

Over the past couple years
Oral Health Kansas has been
sharing regular updates
through our Weekly

Deamonte Driver

This month marks the five-year anniversary of 12-year-old Deamonte Driver's tragic death on February 25, 2007, due to complications from tooth decay. A seemingly simple toothache turned into an abscess that spread to Deamonte's brain and eventually killed him. The unique circumstances surrounding his death spun the county and eventually Congress on a quest to improve children's dental healthcare.



Shortly after his death a group of dentists mobilized and sprang into action with the help of many community partners and they launched an emergency plan to examine and provide treatment for other children around the state through an initiative called [The Deamonte Driver Dental Project](#), which is a grassroots endeavor that has already obtained partial funding from the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and has also

Wednesday Updates. We hope you have found these to be valuable.

We would like to have your input as we plan our update topics for 2012. Please take just a few moments to respond to a brief survey at www.surveymonkey.com. If you encounter any trouble with the survey, please let us know.

Did You Know???
Today, kids drink twice as much soda as milk.

As a result, milk consumption in school has declined 40%.

(Massachusetts Dental Society)

2012 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Make plans now to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Conference September 13-14 at the [Hotel at Old Town](#) in Wichita, Kansas.

The Conference will feature a special reception with a new exhibit at [Exploration Place](#).

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received a groundswell of support from community partners including Howard University College of Dentistry, University of Maryland College Park, Morgan State University, local practicing dentists, many civic organizations and church groups.

KMOM 2012

The Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) is a dental clinic funded by the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation through public and private donations. Each year, hundreds of volunteers give their time and talent to provide dental care to uninsured, underserved populations at no cost.

Since its inception in 2004, all ten KMOM events have been translated into 21,144+ patients receiving free care valued at more than \$11.1 million. Learn more about KMOM at www.ksdentalfoundation.org.

KMOM 2012 was an unbelievable success with the incredible work of more than 1,000 volunteers serving 2,144 patients with \$1.5 million in free dental care in the largest KMOM clinic ever.



Kansas Mission of Mercy
Making a Difference

To view a slideshow of the 2012 KMOM [CLICK HERE](#)

To view video clips from KMOM 2012 [CLICK HERE](#) or [HERE](#)

Give Kids a Smile

Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) is a volunteer program that dentists, dental hygienists, nurses, dental & hygiene students, and community volunteers put on at GraceMed Clinic to serve the children ages 3-10 who do not have Dental Insurance & live in Sedgwick County or Wichita. It is similar to Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM). Services to the children include exams, teeth cleaning, fluoride varnish, fillings, extractions, etc. The work is completed if possible but some dentists will choose to extend free services for the child to have it completed or additional dental work done in their own office.

Appointments are required & there is an English phone number & a Spanish phone number to call.

316-350-5442 for ENGLISH or
316-554-4165 for SPANISH



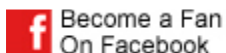
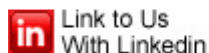
When

Saturday, March 10th, 2012
7:30am - 3:30pm

Where

GraceMed Clinic
1122 North Topeka
Wichita, KS 67214

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