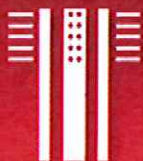


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## ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

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public awareness  
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## Three Safety-net Clinics Receive Delta Dental Grants

Delta Dental of Kansas (DDKS) and the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation announced grant recipients late last month in The Champions Project, a state-wide online grant contest. E.C. Tyree Dental Clinic (Wichita), GraceMed Health Clinic (Wichita) and Marian Clinic (Topeka) were each awarded a \$5,000 grant for receiving the most votes during the 3-week contest.

"It's the third year we've facilitated The Champions Project, and this year has been the most exciting," said Karen Finstad, DDKS Foundation Executive Director. "Instead of competing for \$2,500 grants like we have in the past, we gave away three, \$5,000 grants this year. This increase allows the winners to make an even greater impact through their oral health program or initiative."

The contest began April 26 and ended May 17, generating 38,367 votes. Each of the eight participating organizations worked with the Delta Dental of Kansas employee(s) who "championed" them to submit grant proposals. Each organization's proposal had to meet one or more of the following Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation grant criteria: focus on prevention, have a significant or large impact, and/or are sustainable solutions.



## "Like" the ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available.

The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the permits.

Join the [Facebook page](#) and spread the word about this valuable forum to promote the ECP model.

## Dental Champions Corner:

Dental Champions win Delta Dental Champions grants!



a program of Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

Congratulations to GraceMed, E.C. Tyree and Marion Clinics on winning the Delta Dental Champions grants. (See story on the right.)

GraceMed is led by

Here's how the three winning organizations will use their \$5,000 grants:

- E.C. Tyree will purchase supplies for their Healthy Smiles Program, which includes screenings, sealants, fluoride varnish and oral health education materials.
- GraceMed will purchase full or partial denture sets for homeless and senior adults through their Dentures for Homeless Patients program.
- Marion Clinic will purchase dental equipment, including a high-speed hand piece, two hand modules and a root open locator.



"The Champions Project is a fun, competitive way to educate our employees and others about the great work the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation does," said Linda Brantner, DDKS' President and CEO. "What a joy to grant much-needed dollars into Kansas communities while simultaneously fostering DDKS employees' competitive spirit!"

## Key Lawmaker to Step Down

Last week Rep. Brian Weber (R-Dodge City) announced he would resign his seat in the Kansas Legislature later this month. Weber has served for just three years, but has left an indelible mark on the Capitol. Well-known for carefully considering issues and championing health issues for Kansans, Weber served in 2013 as the Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee and as Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Weber is leaving the Capitol in order to dedicate more time to his family business and his wife and baby daughter. He has been a true friend of oral health in Kansas, and we will long remember his interest in and dedication to the oral health community.



Dental Champion Dave Sanford (Class 1), and the dental project leader is Doreen Eyer (Class 5).

E.C. Tyree is led by Dental Champion and Oral Health Kansas Board member Schaunta James-Boyd (Class 4).

## 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Join us in November as we celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!

Brush with



Johnson County Community College  
November 7-8

Did You



## Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling library drink displays are on display at the [GraceMed](#), Manhattan Area Technical College, and the United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries' Garden City Dental Clinic.



If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to [Tanya](#).

One drink display is available for a host in July!  
Contact us now to make plans to host the display this fall too.

## Dental CEs to be Offered

Oral Health Kansas will offer a special continuing education session for Extended Care Permit dental hygienists and other dental professionals as a post-conference session on November 8, 2013. The Oral Health Kansas Conference on November 7-8 will present a variety of continuing education opportunities, and this year a special, in-depth session for ECP hygienists will be added to the agenda. ECP hygienists will have the chance to learn more about how to effectively serve

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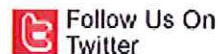
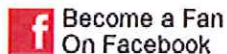
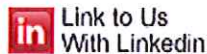
people with disabilities during this session featuring Dr. Ray Lyons.

**Save the date and watch for more details!**

## ECP Dental Hygienist Sought in Hutchinson

PrairieStarHealth Center in Hutchinson is seeking a full-time Extended Care Permit dental hygienist. To learn more about the opportunity, contact Deedra Woodbury at PrairieStar: [woodburyd@praiestarhealth.org](mailto:woodburyd@praiestarhealth.org).

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).



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