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**Free Dental Exams and Cleanings for Children on Saturday,
February 10, at Parkland College**

*The Illini District Dental Society, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, and
Parkland College Dental Hygiene Clinic Participate in Give Kids A Smile® Day*

CHAMPAIGN, IL – The Illini District Dental Society will sponsor Give Kids A Smile® (GKAS) Day on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Parkland College Dental Hygiene Clinic located at 2400 W. Bradley in Champaign. The event is part of the Children’s Dental Access Program through the American Dental Association® (ADA), which provides free oral healthcare services to children of low-income families.

On February 10, local dentists and hygienists are taking the opportunity to give back to the community by volunteering time and services for GKAS. Free dental exams, cleanings, and fluoride treatments will be provided as needed to any child aged one to 17. The oral health fair will also offer a wide range of educational activities including dental hygiene education, free toothbrushes, and visits and pictures with the Tooth Fairy. No appointment is necessary; however, a parent or legal guardian must accompany the child. There are no income or residency requirements to receive services at the fair.

The Give Kids a Smile® (GKAS) program, launched nationally in 2003 by the American Dental Association, provides underserved children with free oral health care. Each year approximately 6,500 dentists and 30,000 dental team members volunteer at local GKAS events to provide free oral health education, screenings, preventive and restorative treatment to over 300,000 children across the United States.

Give Kids A Smile® Day is sponsored by the Illini District Dental Society in partnership with the Parkland College Dental Hygiene program and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District.

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Individuals interested in this special event can contact the Parkland College Dental Hygiene Program Director, Laura Hettinger, at (217) 351-2386 or lhettinger@parkland.edu for more information.

For more information on Give Kids A Smile®, visit <https://www.adafoundation.org/give-kids-a-smile>.



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