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Free Dental Exams and Cleanings for Children on Saturday, March 11 at Parkland College

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

Champaign, IL – The Illini District Dental Society will sponsor Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) Day on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Parkland College Dental Hygiene Clinic located at 2400 W. Bradley, Champaign. The event is part of the Children’s Dental Access Program through the American Dental Association® (ADA) that provides free oral healthcare services to children of low-income families. This year GKAS celebrates 15 year of smiles.

On March 11, local dentists and hygienists are taking the opportunity to give back to the community by volunteering time and services for GKAS and providing free dental exams, cleanings, fluoride varnish treatments and dental sealants, as needed, to any child between the ages of 1 and 17. The oral health fair will offer visits with the Tooth Fairy and the Delta Dental Tooth Wizard, interactive oral health instruction, and tips on reducing dental anxiety. Appointments are not necessary; however, a parent or legal guardian must accompany the child. There are no income or residency requirements to receive services at the fair.

Jason Foreman, D.D.S., a local endodontist participating in the event, stated "Give Kids a Smile Day is incredibly important because it opens doors for children to get necessary dental examinations who otherwise might not have access to such care. At those visits, our participating providers will aim to educate and emphasize the importance of oral health for children and their families. We aim to initiate a patient-dental home relationship so that regular oral health care can become a priority for all of the participating families."

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The Illini District Dental Society partners with Parkland Dental Hygiene, SmileHealthy, and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Children's Dental Clinic to provide Give Kids a Smile in Champaign.

For more information, please contact SmileHealthy at (217) 359-7404 or the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Children's Dental Clinic at (217) 531-4538 or visit www.c-uphd.org.

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