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Dr. M. Cecilia Escarra
PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program
465 Brickman Road
Hurleyville, NY 12747

Dear Dr. Escarra,

Congratulations! The PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is, once again, a recipient of the New York State Dental Foundation Give Kids a Smile Award, which recognizes a community health center or service program which seeks to build, expand or enhance education, access and/or capacity with respect to oral health care for children. The amount of this year's award is \$4,000.

In the past, we have worked with GKAS winners to plan an awards ceremony where we present them with the GKAS award and a check to support their programming efforts. We encourage GKAS winners to invite their elected representatives to participate in the ceremony, and to contact their local media, to emphasize the community approach which is essential in our efforts to improve access to care for vulnerable children.

Please contact our Executive Director, Ms. Laura Leon, at (800)255-2100 to discuss how and when we might plan a GKAS awards presentation. (Some organizations have incorporated the presentation into an already scheduled meeting or event; others have arranged for a separate and distinct event.)

The New York State Dental Foundation, working with support from the New York State Dental Association, was established in 1980 to foster a statewide approach to the advancement of the art and science of dentistry and dental education as well as to improve the quality of dental care by: assisting dentists and their staffs to increase and advance their skills and knowledge; encouraging the establishment and assisting in the

development of student aid programs; making grants to appropriate agencies for purposes of research; making grants to dental schools or other organizations involved in the education of dentists, and increasing the public's understanding of and access to dental services.

On behalf of both the Foundation and NYSDA, congratulations and best wishes to your future success. We look forward to future opportunities to partner with your organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward J. Downes DDS". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

Dr. Edward Downes
Chairman

cc: Gary Berson, DDS, FICOI
Dr. Swati Desai
Dr. Christopher Walsh, President, Third District Dental Society
Ms. Kathleen Moore, Executive Director, Third District Dental Society