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Children's Dental Health Program

We at PRASAD CDHP hope that you and your loved ones are well in these challenging times. We are deeply appreciative of your ongoing support for our dental program, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the continuity of our services.

Dentistry is an essential health care service because of its role in evaluating, preventing and treating oral diseases, which can affect overall health. In July, we reopened our children's mobile dental clinic following the American Dental Association guidelines developed subsequent to the COVID-19 outbreak. Because school opening schedules continue to be impacted, our Mobile Clinic is currently treating children while based at our headquarters in Ferndale, NY.

Untreated tooth decay can cause pain and infection that may lead to difficulty eating, speaking, socializing and sleeping, as well as poor overall health. Tooth decay can also adversely affect both school attendance and performance. *A report issued by the U.S. Surgeon General estimated that more than 51 million school hours are lost annually due to dental-related illnesses.*

We are passionate about our work because we know the difference it makes in children's overall wellbeing now and throughout their lives.

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Another Fulfilling Year of Providing Healthy, Happy Smiles to Children!

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QUEENIE AND MELANIE

Adorable sisters Queenie, 6, and Melanie, 7, have been receiving dental treatment and education from PRASAD CDHP since 2017. Their mother Qian Zhen Liu shared that because the PRASAD dental team specializes in children, she trusts our care and experience.

Ms. Liu and the children have learned about and practice flossing and brushing their teeth twice daily. PRASAD CDHP also provides her children with toothbrushes and floss. She added, "Queenie loves to come, and Melanie, who was nervous at first because she used to have many cavities, is now no longer fearful. It's a very good program; I love bringing the kids there. The doctors give me good advice. I tell my neighbors to take their kids to PRASAD."

The Liu family's story is just one example of why the community trusts PRASAD CDHP. Community members are happy to have easily accessible and affordable expert dental care that specializes in children, treats the whole family with kindness and care, and teaches them how to take care of their teeth so that they can look forward to a lifetime of healthy, happy smiles.





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OUR MISSION

According to the Centers for Disease Control, tooth decay is among the most common chronic conditions of childhood. These numbers are higher for children from minority and low-income families.

For 22 years, PRASAD CDHP has been committed to improving the dental health of children by providing affordable, comprehensive dental services through education, prevention and treatment. Our focus is on children from low-income families who are less likely to receive dental care.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE AWARD GIVEN TO PRASAD CDHP

On October 7th, PRASAD CDHP hosted a virtual event where we were honored with the New York State Dental Foundation's 2020 *Give Kids a Smile Award*. The award is in recognition of PRASAD CDHP's leadership to improve the oral health of children in New York State. This is the fifth year the award was given to PRASAD CDHP!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR PRASAD CDHP

Our goal is to increase children's access to safe dental care and reduce the prevalence of dental disease. We are also exploring virtual oral health education for schools, while continuing to strengthen ties with our community partners.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC COVID-19 AND INFECTION CONTROL

Due to the pandemic, extensive safety procedures have been implemented to protect our patients and staff. The new requirements mean extra equipment, extra time, and extra cost. However, we are committed to ensuring that everyone who comes into contact with PRASAD CDHP knows that their safety and wellbeing is our top priority, today and every day. Your support helps make this possible.

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