



## TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES ONE SMILE AT A TIME

According to the Centers for Disease Control, tooth decay is among the most common childhood chronic health conditions. Early childhood cavities can have serious implications, including pain, infections, inability to concentrate at school, and reduced self-esteem. In the most serious cases, dental infections can lead to death.

For 26 years, the PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) has been providing essential dental services to children in need. Our fully-equipped mobile clinic partners with public schools across Sullivan County, which has a significant low-income population.

Working at our dental clinic, **it's heartwarming to see how children who once experienced pain are now excited about visiting the dentist**, knowing they can receive the relief they need. **One mother shared**, *"The doctor and staff were exceptionally welcoming and attentive, taking the time to explain everything in detail. They showed my daughter each*

*tool they would be using and provided demonstrations of how they worked. I highly recommend PRASAD for anyone seeking a supportive and engaging dental experience!"*

Already helping us to reach more children, we are excited to announce that on Wednesday, October 16th, we will officially inaugurate our **new mobile dental clinic** with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by community representatives and supporters.

Financial support for PRASAD CDHP is more critical than ever as we face rising operating costs for our dental clinic and reduced funding from insurance reimbursements. We welcome your support in helping us continue our mission of providing essential dental care to children in need.

We love what we do and remain dedicated to giving children happy, healthy smiles.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Dr. M. Cecilia Escarra  
Program Administrator



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## OUR MISSION

PRASAD CDHP is committed to improving the dental health of children by providing comprehensive dental health services through education, prevention, and treatment. Since 1998, thanks to generous donors, PRASAD CDHP has provided 32,700 dental visits as well as dental health education and toothbrushes to more than 97,000 children.

Our goal for the upcoming year is to benefit approximately 4,000 children. We aim to enhance access to dental care, reduce the rates of untreated tooth decay, and raise awareness about the importance of good oral health and healthy eating habits within our community.

## RESTORING SMILES AND DIGNITY

*One of our dentists shared, "I recently had the opportunity to treat Caroline, a 13-year-old girl. She shared that most of her teeth had cavities and she felt embarrassed to smile at school. During the visit, I was able to restore most of her front teeth, helping her regain the confidence to smile. When I showed her a mirror at the end of the treatment, her smile lit up, and she was moved to tears. That day, we not only restored her smile but also her sense of dignity."*

## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Caroline is not an isolated case. Nearly every day at the mobile clinic, we encounter children with multiple cavities. We need your help to continue providing essential dental care to children in need. Please donate today to brighten a child's smile. Thank you!

## ORAL HEALTH FACTS IN THE U.S.

About **HALF** of all children do not receive regular dental care.

About **1 IN 3** preschoolers living in poverty have early childhood cavities.

Annually, **50 MILLION** school hours are lost due to dental disease.



PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is an initiative of PRASAD. For more information, please visit our website [WWW.PRASADCDHP.ORG](http://WWW.PRASADCDHP.ORG)

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