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*Children's Dental  
Health Program*

# 2025 NEWSLETTER



## BUILDING BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER FUTURES —ONE CHILD, ONE SMILE AT A TIME

For 27 years, the PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) has been dedicated to improving the oral health of children in need. Through our fully equipped mobile clinic, we partner with public schools across Sullivan County to bring essential dental services directly to students, removing barriers to care and promoting long-term health.

Our services not only deliver quality dental treatment but also create a positive experience for children, helping them feel comfortable and at ease when visiting the dentist. As one mother recently shared, "My daughter has been receiving the dental services of the mobile clinic for two years now, and every visit has been a pleasurable experience. All the staff, both at the front and back of the clinic, are incredible."

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Unfortunately, many young children arrive at their first dental visit with multiple cavities, often caused by high-sugar diets from an early age and inadequate oral hygiene. **To address this challenge, we are expanding our outreach to families with younger children, emphasizing dental health education, healthy eating, early prevention, and timely treatment—laying the foundation for a lifetime of healthy smiles.**

Considering the low reimbursements from insurances and the rising costs of dental supplies, financial support for PRASAD CDHP is essential to ensure that every child in need receives the care they deserve. Together with our partners and supporters, we remain committed to building healthier futures—one child, one smile at a time. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission!

Dr. M. Cecilia Escarra  
Program Administrator



## ORAL HEALTH NEEDS

In the United States, tooth decay remains one of the most common chronic health conditions affecting children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that half of all children aged 6–9 years have had cavities in their primary or permanent teeth. More than just a dental problem, cavities can cause severe pain, lead to infections, and make it difficult for children to concentrate or thrive in school. Poor oral health can also undermine a child's confidence and self-esteem. In the most serious cases, untreated dental infections can become life-threatening.

## SMILES ARE GROWING – THANKS TO YOU!

Thanks to your generous support, our mobile dental clinic expanded its service days in 2024, enabling us to reach more children than ever before. We provided dental health education and treatment to 3,800 children, completed 1,400 dental visits, and performed 4,800 dental procedures, including both preventive and restorative care. **This represents a remarkable 40% increase in the number of children treated compared to 2023.**

## A TEACHER'S GRATITUDE: HEALING SMILES, TRANSFORMING LIVES

School teachers know all too well the challenges a child faces when suffering from dental pain. One teacher shared her heartfelt experience: *"I am a teacher, and over the years many of my students have benefited from PRASAD's dental services. Most recently, one of my students was suffering from cavities and an infection. The PRASAD team cleared their schedule to treat her right away. When she returned from the dental van, she was smiling from ear to ear, relieved of so much of her pain. You have made a huge difference, and I am eternally grateful."*

## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Stories like this remind us why we do what we do—because every child deserves to be healthy, pain-free, and able to learn with confidence. Sadly, these cases are not isolated. Nearly every day at our mobile clinic, we see children suffering from multiple cavities and the effects of untreated dental issues. 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 for making a difference!



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