

# **Give Kids A Smile Event**

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**9AM to 5PM**

Give Kids a Smile is an event hosted by volunteer dentists nationwide in conjunction with the American Dental Association. This event is an annual centerpiece to National Children's Dental Health Month. It is designed to provide education, screening, treatment and preventative care to children of low-income families who do not have access to care. The event raises awareness of the epidemic of untreated dental disease occurring here and across the country.

According to the Center for Disease Control, nearly 1 in 4 children, aged 2 to 11 years old, have untreated cavities in their baby teeth. While poor diet and oral hygiene certainly play a role, cavities are actually caused by a disease called caries, which is five times more common than asthma.

The event will be open to all kids without dental insurance between the ages of 3 to 14 years old. During this event, the child will be screened by a dentist, may have his/her teeth cleaned, may have fluoride applied to the teeth, and/or may have sealants placed. If there are any dental emergencies, we will try to treat the emergency on the day of the event or may refer to a clinic that can treat the emergency.

Due to the need for signed parental permission and other documentation, during the event we can only see children who are registered in advance. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this event, please visit our website at [www.winning-smiles.com](http://www.winning-smiles.com) for more information or give us a call at 925-373-7311 to schedule for the event.

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