

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION - Give Kids A Smile!

Give Kids A Smile was launched nationally over 20 years ago. The first Friday of February is when we turn those frowns upside down and begin the Give Kids A Smile program. The initiative, created by the American Dentist Association (ADA), is an opportunity for kids who can't usually afford to see a dentist to receive free dental care. Dentists, as well as dental hygienists, assistants, and other volunteers, use their time and talents to ensure that children are given the dental care they need and deserve across the country.

Each year, approximately 7,000 dentists and 3,000 dental team members volunteer at Give Kids A Smile events in their communities to provide free oral health education, dental screenings, and treatment to about 300,000 children. To date, over 6 million underserved children have received free oral health services through Give Kids A Smile.



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