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### **Delta Dental Foundation Awarded \$18,000 in Smiles for Kids Grants to the Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center Since 2011**

*The 2019 Smiles for Kids grant will help purchase a portable x-ray machine*

**Burlington, NC (July 31, 2019)** – The Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center received a \$5,000 Smiles for Kids grant from the [Delta Dental Foundation](#) (DDF) to purchase a portable x-ray device. This will greatly assist the dental clinic in providing quality care when a patient is too young or fearful to be in the x-ray room on their own.

The Alamance County Children’s Health Center offers a variety of oral health treatments for its youth, including cleanings, fluoride treatment, infant oral care, nutrition counseling, extractions and emergency treatment up to the age of 21 years old. They currently serve 3,500 to 4,000 children annually, and plan to expand to a portable dental program that would benefit greatly from this new x-ray device.

“We are grateful for the generous support of the Delta Dental Foundation for our clinic,” said Dr. Ackall the Dental Director of the Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center. “This grant will enable us to purchase a portable x-ray device, which allows us to continue providing the best oral health care outside of the typical x-ray room.”

The Delta Dental Foundation focuses on ensuring that children and adults in North Carolina receive high-quality oral health education and dental care. The grant received by the Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center is one of 19 grants totaling \$70,000 that DDF is donating to North Carolina oral health organizations and programs. This is the fifth year Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center has been awarded a Smiles for Kids grant, totaling \$18,000 since 2011. Grant recipients were selected based on criteria that included the number of at-risk children served, the uniqueness of the program, the level of community involvement in the program and the ability to measure results.

“Tooth decay is the most common, chronic childhood disease today, and children miss 51 million hours of school every year due dental issues,” said Curt Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. “The Delta Dental Foundation’s grant to the Alamance County Children’s Dental Health Center will help provide quality access to dental care that underserved children need in order to be healthy and show up for school ready to learn.”

**About Alamance County Children's Dental Health Center**

To meet the dental needs of the county, the Alamance County Health Department created a dental clinic for children in 1998. Assuring that children in Alamance County receive adequate dental care regardless of their ability to pay is the primary goal of the clinic. The clinic provides a variety of dental services such as X-rays, fillings, root canals and extractions as well as community outreach and education. For more information, visit <http://www.alamance-nc.com/health>

**About the Delta Dental Foundation**

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The foundation's goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit [www.deltadentalnc.com](http://www.deltadentalnc.com).

**About Delta Dental of North Carolina**

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of providers, including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina.

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