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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Annual "Give Kids A Smile Day" Planned

Free Dental Care to be Provided to Eligible Children

Eastern Idaho—On Friday, February 1, an estimated 500 children from low-income families in Eastern Idaho will receive free dental services ranging from oral exams and x-rays, preventative (cleaning/fluoride/sealants) and restorative (fillings) care, to urgent treatment including extractions, as part of the national Give Kids a Smile Day. Over 40 dentists and their staffs in Idaho Falls/Ammon, Challis, Driggs/Victor, Rexburg, Rigby, Salmon, Shelley, St. Anthony, and Sugar City are volunteering to provide these services free of charge to eligible children. This project is a collaborative effort between Eastern Idaho Public Health District and the Upper Snake River Dental Society.

To be eligible for free dental care though the Give Kids a Smile Day event, children must meet the following conditions:

- Be between the ages of 4 and 18 years;
- NOT have a current Idaho Medicaid card or private dental insurance; and
- Meet these income guidelines:

|                  | Maximum Gross Income |          |
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| Number in Family | Per Month            | Per Year |
| 2                | \$2,017              | \$24,208 |
| 3                | \$2,545              | \$30,544 |
| 4                | \$3,073              | \$36,880 |
| 5                | \$3,601              | \$43,216 |
| 6                | \$4,129              | \$49,552 |

(\*for additional family members, add \$528 per month per person or \$6,336 per year per person)

A list of participating dental offices is located on Eastern Idaho Public Health District's website at <a href="www.phd7.idaho.gov">www.phd7.idaho.gov</a>. If your child is eligible to receive services, you should call the participating dental office of your choice to make an appointment right away, as appointments will be accepted on a first come first served basis. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child to the dental office to allow consent for procedures and to complete an accurate medical history.

Nearly half of children ages 2-9 years suffer from untreated tooth decay. In 2012, \$162,935.00 in free dental care was provided to 562 uninsured children in Eastern Idaho. Over 250 dental team members volunteered their services to make this event a huge success.

For more information on this event, please contact Elyse Baird at Eastern Idaho Public Health District by calling 533-3192.

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Editor's Note: A list of participating dentists (as of 1/11/13) is attached.

## **Give Kids a Smile Participating Dentists**

Friday February 1, 2013 Upper Snake River Dental Society

| AMMON/IDAHO FALLS Brodie Atwood Gregg Baker Kent Cutforth Lorin Dixon & Melissa Dixon Eagle Rock Dental Brandon Gordon David Heninger & Justin Frandsen Jordan Higham Jeffrey Hoover Evan Johnson (Thurs. 1/31/13) Ryan Kidman Esther Machen Robert Nielson Preston Polson & Scott Davis Randy Smith & Mark Marlowe Oliver Thuernagle Kirk Tingey & Rex Thompson Jed Zirker | 528-6684<br>524-0644<br>523-3388<br>524-2771<br>523-5400<br>552-0919<br>524-1700<br>529-2199<br>524-4668<br>522-8854<br>523-5090<br>552-0775<br>529-5565<br>522-4491<br>542-1333<br>523-0840<br>525-8383<br>528-7665 | Atwood Family Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Family Dentistry Dixon Dental Eagle Rock Dental Willow Creek Dental Heninger and Frandsen Dental Just 4 kiDDS Hoover Dental Care Sunnyside Dental Care Creekside Dental Machen Family Dental My Dentist Taylorview Dental Pediatric Dentistry Legacy Dental Idaho Falls Dental Group Zirker Family Dentistry |
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| Challis/Salmon Thomas McGowan Mark Oliverson  | 879-2366<br>756-2262   | McGowan Dental<br>Salmon Dental Center   |
| <b>Driggs/Victor</b> Raymond Cherry   | 787-2323   | Grand Teton Dental Care  |
| Rexburg Stacey Bauer Spencer Mauseth (Week of 2/4/13) Doug Smith, Ryan Smith and Scott Wilkes Thomas Snarr Dirk Strobel Robert Walker Lane Ward   | 359-2224<br>552-5439<br>356-9262<br>356-4240<br>356-4400<br>356-5601<br>356-7562   | Eagle Rock Dental Rexburg<br>Madison Pediatric Dentistry<br>Dental Health Center<br>Snarr Dental<br>Strobel Dental<br>Madison Park Dental Care<br>Ward Dental  |
| Sugar City<br>Bo Crofoot  | 656-0013   | Corner Stone Family Dental   |
| <b>Rigby</b><br>Ben Dansie<br>Robert Ellis  | 745-1911<br>745-0400   | Dansie Dental<br>West Wind Dental  |
| Shelley Bryce Hanson & Steve Nielson John Stohl   | 357-7611<br>357-2400   | River Valley Dental<br>Shelley Dental  |
| St. Anthony<br>Brizzee, Toenjes, & Orme   | 624-3757   | Brizzee, Toenjes, & Orme   |

Please make every effort to keep your appointment. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please notify the dental office as soon as possible.