Oral Health America and Trident Celebrate 10th Anniversary of "Smiles Across America" Program Bringing Dental Care to At-Risk Kids

Over Two Million Underserved Children Treated To Date

CHICAGO, IL (February 4, 2014) – Oral Health America, a national non-profit organization working to educate Americans about the importance of dental care to overall health and well-being, today announced the 10th anniversary of their Smiles Across America® (SAA) program. Thanks to generous donations from founding partner Trident®, SAA has delivered oral care to underserved children across the country. SAA is kicking off a year-long celebration of their anniversary during National Children's Dental Health Month with a February 6 event in Chicago, home of the first SAA initiative.

In 2004, Trident® provided funding to launch SAA and provide oral disease prevention services for children who are uninsured and underserved due to issues of poverty – lack of resources, transportation barriers, low literacy, and language diversity. Their debut initiative supported the Chicago Department of Health's dental program, which provides dental care to over 100,000 students in Chicago Public Schools. Trident® Sugar Free Gum continues to be a major supporter of SAA as part of an ongoing commitment to help fight cavities in America's youth.

"We are honored to celebrate a decade of bringing needed oral health care and education to children in school-based and school-linked settings through SAA," said OHA President and CEO Beth Truett. "Working with phenomenal partners in cities across the U.S., OHA is changing the game for at-risk kids who suffer from the number one disease of childhood – tooth decay. Dedicated donors have supported us in impacting the lives of over 400,000 children annually – helping them to learn without pain, improve their self-esteem, and spread their healthy smiles across America.”

Throughout the year, OHA will co-host events across the country and highlight the founding SAA partners--Chicago Department of Public Health, Children's Dental Services of Minneapolis, New York University College of Dentistry-Pediatric Dentistry, Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation, and West Virginia University. The anniversary festivities will culminate with a celebration held in Chicago, which is home to both the first SAA partner and OHA's national headquarters.

“"We know first-hand about the importance of oral health and the impact a healthy smile has on people of all ages," said Alex Picciano, Senior Associate Brand Manager, Trident. “All Americans should have access to preventative dental care. We are thrilled to celebrate 10 years of partnership with SAA and look forward to continuing to help them on their mission of providing essential dental care to at-risk children.”
To find out how you can participate in this landmark anniversary or to learn more about SAA, please visit www.oralhealthamerica.org.

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About Oral Health America

OHA’s mission is to change lives by connecting communities with resources to increase access to oral health care, education and advocacy for all Americans, especially those most vulnerable. Through Smiles Across America®, which serves 400,000 children annually, the Wisdom Tooth Project™, which reaches tens of thousands of older adults, and the Campaign for Oral Health Equity, which prioritizes oral health alongside other chronic diseases, OHA provides needed oral health care and education, helping Americans of all ages to have a healthy mouth and understand the importance of oral health for overall health. For more information about Oral Health America, please visit www.oralhealthamerica.org.

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