

15 Reasons to Give Kids A Smile

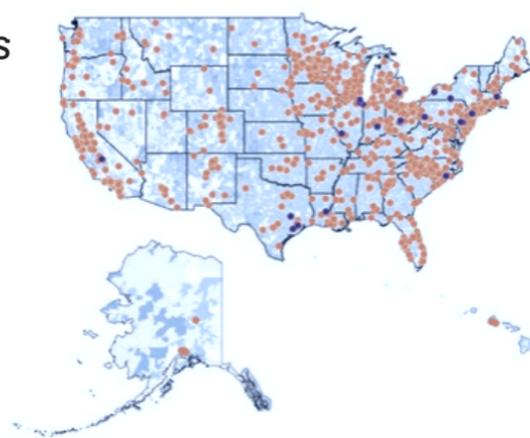
1. Since inception, we're...



500,000
volunteers

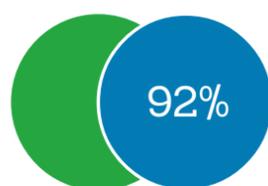
and growing!

2. GKAS events take place across the country!



3. It's your chance to volunteer in the community.

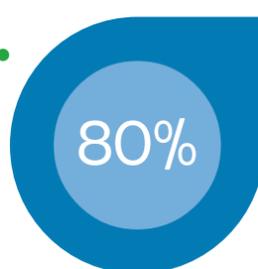
92% of volunteers say that's why they joined!



4. One in four children have cavities before they even reach kindergarten!



5. 80% of children with tooth decay are in **low-income families**



6. Tooth decay is largely **preventable!**

Yet it remains one of the most common chronic diseases in children, affecting:

25% of children aged 6-11

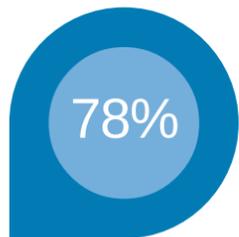
59% of adolescents aged 12-19 years

7. Tooth decay is **four times** more common than asthma among adolescents aged 14 to 17 years.



8. You can help to **end kids' needless suffering from dental pain** & **teach them good oral health habits for a lifetime.**

9. 78% of participants joined GKAS to treat patients' current oral health problems.



10. 68% of participants joined to educate underserved kids about oral health and prevent problems from returning!



11. We can't do it without you! 12. Give Kids A Smile is many children's first visit to the dentist.

Bringing dental care to underserved children is not a problem the government or organized dentistry will fix alone. It will take all of us — the hearts and souls of the entire community — working together to solve this problem.

We work to find dental homes for as many underserved children as possible, so their first visit won't be their last.

13. The first GKAS event served 400 kids. **Today, more than** 5.5 Million children have been cared for.

14. Every child deserves access to oral health care.

15. And because... **There's no better feeling than putting a smile on a child's face!**

Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) is the largest charitable oral health program in the world, and provides free treatment to the kids who need it most.

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