Fall 2012 Ready to Smile Newsletter





Ready to Smile was launched in 2010 by The Oregon Community Foundation's South Coast Leadership Council, with support from The Ford Family Foundation. Coordinated through the Coos County Public Health Department, *Ready to Smile* delivers dental health services to eligible children in grades 1, 2, 6 and 7 in Coos and Curry counties.

Ready to Smile receives national award



In September, Ready to Smile was recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in partnership with the Council on Foundations, as one of 10 recipients of the first annual Secretary's Award for Community Foundations. The award honors community foundations for their innovative public-philanthropic collaborations that address housing and community development challenges. The Oregon Community Foundation was selected for its partnership with Coos County Public Health to address children's dental health on the South Coast.

The awards were announced during the Council on Foundations' Fall Conference for Community Foundations in New Orleans.

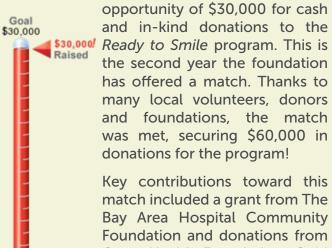
HUD and the Council on Foundations' Public-Philanthropic Partnership Initiative established this award to recognize community foundations that enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income families.

Local recognition

Ready to Smile was featured at the Oregon Oral Health Coalition's conference in Eugene on October 5.

\$30,000 match met thanks to community support

In February 2012, The Mildred E. and Harvey S. Mudd Foundation announced a matching grant



Curry Health Foundations from Beach Rotary, Port Orford Rotary, and many other businesses and individuals. See page 3 for a complete list of donors.

New school year brings new partnerships

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During its first two years of operation, Ready to Smile focused on serving students in grades 1, 2, 6 and 7 in Curry County, and grades 6 and 7 in Coos County. This is because the Oregon Health Authority already provided services to students in grades 1 and 2 in Coos County. Beginning this year, Ready to Smile will partner with the state to serve these students together by expanding the more comprehensive *Ready* to Smile program into more schools. OHA will continue to provide screenings and sealants for students, and Ready to Smile will provide education and dentist referral services for all students through the Neighborhood Dentist Program. This collaboration will not only provide more services to children, but will also ease the strain on school staff when program staff and volunteers are in the schools.

Advantage Dental, the region's dental care organization, is also interested in developing a partnership with *Ready to Smile*.

You can donate online at *www.oregoncf.org* or send a check to the South Coast *Ready to Smile* Fund at The Oregon Community Foundation.



Cecilee Shull, Ready to Smile Program Manager, received a check for the program from the Port Orford Rotary Club in October.

September 2011 - May 2012 statistics

14
952
<mark>57%</mark>
3,290
754
1,346
5,945 ⁵

Statistics are for students in grades 1, 2, 6 and 7

Note of interest

Ready to Smile staff would like to acknowledge Dale Thomas, *Ready to Smile* Steering Committee and OCF Leadership Council, for his fundraising efforts. Dale has played a key role in developing presentation materials and sharing information with service clubs throughout the South Coast. Dale has also helped to secure annual funding for the program from Curry Health Foundation. Thank you, Dale!

Upcoming school schedule

November 19 - 20 Bandon Middle School

November 26 - 29 Blossom Gulch Elementary School

December 3 - 4 Blossom Gulch Elementary School

2012 *Ready to Smile* steering committee members

Penny Allen, Chair Myrna Barber Barbara Bassett Karen Brown Kathy Cooley Elizabeth Day Thomas Holt, DDS Kathryn Laird Heidi Pahls, DDS Michelle Rich Kim Rollins Patricia Savage Frances Smith Sharon Smith John Sweet Dale Thomas Tenneal Wetherell

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December 10 - 12 Coquille Middle School (tentative)

December 13 - 14 Ocean Crest Elementary School

January Coos County, Gold Beach and Brookings



Learning how to floss.

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Ongoing support is needed to provide critical dental services for children on the South Coast. Contributions for Ready to Smile may be made online at www.oregoncf.org or mailed to:

> South Coast *Ready to Smile* Fund Attn: Melissa Durham The Oregon Community Foundation 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 100 Portland, OR 97205 *mdurham@oregoncf.org* Phone: 503.227.6846



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