



DAKOTA SMILES MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

- February is National Children's Dental Health Month.
- In South Dakota 23% of third grade children are in need of dental care including 4% that have an urgent need due to pain or infection.
- Tooth decay and dental disease is painful, affects a child's overall health and often leads to poor school performance. In fact, dental decay is the single most common chronic disease of early childhood.

THAT'S WHY:

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton partners with Delta Dental to provide free dental care via a 40-foot long van at Beadle Elementary School. Local dentists donate time away from their dental clinics to provide the direct restorative care needed by each child.

WHICH MEANS:

Last year, 44 local youth were served, for 25% of those, it was their first dental visit, with 48% suffering from tooth decay. Treating these youth will help them to be able to focus on learning and growing, rather than pain from untreated dental issues.

**“A smile is a curve
that sets everything
straight”**

-Phyllis Diller

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