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Delta Dental Foundation Awards \$3,800 Smiles for Kids Grant to Piedmont Health Services, Inc.

Chapel Hill, NC (May 23, 2018) – Piedmont Health Services, Inc. received a \$3,800 Smiles for Kids grant from the Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) to improve the oral health of uninsured and underserved children through their child oral health education and dental screening initiative. Their designated service areas include: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Lee, Orange, Person, and Randolph counties.

Piedmont Health Services, Inc. aims to reach at least 200 children through oral health outreach programs in 2018. Outreach will occur at their health centers that lack dental staff, community outreach events, and elementary schools. Children will receive oral health screenings as well as a fluoride varnish to help reduce Early Childhood Caries (ECC).

“We are grateful for the Foundation’s partnership on this important work. We know that good oral health is a critical part of physical well-being. We know we can wholly prevent ECC through education and assuring that all children have early and on-going access to regular dental care,” said Brian Toomey, CEO of Piedmont Health Services, Inc.

The Delta Dental Foundation focuses on ensuring that children and adults in North Carolina receive high-quality oral health education and dental care. The grant received by Piedmont Health Services, Inc. is one of 19 grants totaling \$65,800 that DDF is donating to North Carolina oral health organizations and programs. Grant recipients were selected based on criteria that included the number of at-risk children served, the uniqueness of the program, the level of community involvement in the program and the ability to measure results.

“We are proud that the work being done by Piedmont Health Services, Inc. has been recognized by the Delta Dental Foundation,” said Curt Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. “By increasing access to dental care, we can help improve the oral and overall health and well-being of children and adults by preventing serious health issues down the road.”

About Piedmont Health Services, Inc

The mission of Piedmont Health Services, Inc. is to give the community access to quality healthcare. For over 44 years, Piedmont Health Services, Inc. has been committed to helping change the lives of everyone in their communities, whether that's through medical services, dental care, on-site pharmacy, nutrition counseling or disease management. They have eight convenient locations, serving 14 counties in the Piedmont region. For more information, visit: www.piedmonthhealth.org.

About the Delta Dental Foundation

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The foundation's goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit www.deltadentalinc.com.

About Delta Dental of North Carolina

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of providers, including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina.

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