



2023 PRASAD[®]

Holistic. Sustainable. Life-Changing.

25TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER



ALL CHILDREN DESERVE A BEAUTIFUL SMILE!

We are delighted to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the PRASAD Children’s Dental Health Program!

We are extremely proud to have had the opportunity to help so many children in need over the years.

We are grateful to our dedicated trustees, staff, and volunteers, as well as our generous donors who have helped us bring happy, healthy smiles to thousands of children.

There is even more wonderful news: We are launching a new and improved Mobile Dental Clinic later this year!

Thanks to a \$600,000 grant from The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation in support of our Happy Healthy Smiles project, we are able to replace our beloved, but now aging, Mobile Dental Clinic.

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What a wonderful birthday gift to the community! With a new state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic, we can look forward to many more years of serving children in need of care.

PRASAD CDHP actively collaborates with state and local groups that seek to improve health outcomes, including the New York State Department of Health, school districts, and Sullivan County Public Health. Through our work with community health organizations and schools, we educate students and parents about the importance of good oral health.

We are honored to have received many awards from the New York State Assembly, New York State Senate, corporations, and foundations. PRASAD CDHP is also a five-time recipient of the Give Kids a Smile Award from the New York State Dental Foundation in recognition of our program’s leadership and excellence in maintaining children’s oral health.

We love our work and are committed to continuing to improve the oral health of children and being a model program that responds to community needs.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,
Dr. M Cecilia Escarra



PRASAD takes a **HOLISTIC** approach to create **SUSTAINABLE** programming in collaboration with the communities we serve, resulting in **LIFE-CHANGING** impact across generations.

Holistic. Without good oral health, we can't have good general health. We offer a holistic model to help children have positive dental experiences and receive proper care while teaching them about healthy eating to improve overall health.

Sustainable. For twenty-five years, PRASAD CDHP has been operating at schools with considerable numbers of low-income children, and we continue to build new partnerships with local schools and organizations.

Life-changing. Severe cavities can make it difficult for children to eat, sleep, play, and learn. Poor oral health affects self-image and confidence. Restoring a smile can often be the catalyst to spark a change in a child's health and mindset, putting them on a new life path.



OUR IMPACT

Since its inception, PRASAD CDHP has provided:

93,000
children with
dental health education

31,800
dental visits

98,100
dental procedures

When children can't go to the dentist, we come to them.

In the U.S., tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease and children from low-income families are twice as likely to have cavities as those from higher-income families. Lack of transportation prevents many families from accessing dental care, but PRASAD CDHP's mobile clinic makes services accessible to students right at their schools.



When Nubia was eleven years old, she needed to see a dentist, but it was hard for her parents to find one. Thanks to the school nurse, she started going to our dental clinic regularly. Nubia is now an adult with children of her own. She said "From my very first visit, I felt comfortable. I also appreciated receiving treatment at the school because of my parent's situation. I had a great experience, so I was confident about bringing my children to PRASAD's clinic. First, I brought Shane, my first child, and now I bring my other two boys, Amari, and Kai.

We believe that if we give children the best experience possible, it will stay with them for the rest of their lives. That's the kind of care that we strive to offer.

Going to the dentist can be intimidating for some children. Most of the time the fear is transmitted by a parent or a memory of a traumatic dental experience. Because we work in schools, with parental consent, children can come to our clinic by themselves, and they trust our staff.



A young student named Menucha came to our clinic with her father. She was in pain and needed to have a tooth extracted. Menucha sat on the dental chair and cried because she was afraid. The dentist assured her that she would feel better soon. After the extraction, Menucha was relieved and smiling. She hugged the dentist and said, "You were right! I feel much better!"

WHAT'S NEXT FOR PRASAD CDHP

Buttressed by our expertise in developing and operating a mobile dental clinic, **PRASAD CDHP** is equipped to expand the reach of this unique and highly successful service delivery model to meet the growing dental needs of underserved children in our community. Our goals are to increase the number of children with access to dental care and educate children and families to improve their oral health.



YOUR GIFT CAN HELP A CHILD SMILE



For our 25th anniversary year, we have set a goal of raising \$50,000. Your donations will allow us to expand our services, increasing our effectiveness in reaching more vulnerable children and improving their oral health.

JOIN OUR EFFORTS!

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