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JLC receives \$1,000 grant from Delta Dental Foundation to improve oral health in Charlotte and support Give Kids a Smile Day

Charlotte, NC (February 5, 2016) - The Junior League of Charlotte, Inc. (JLC) recently received \$1,000 from the Delta Dental Foundation to support Give Kids a Smile Day, which takes place today, Friday, February 5, 2016.

Give Kids a Smile is a national day where dentists all over the United States provide free dental care to those children in the greatest need of dental care. This year, the JLC Give Kids a Smile Committee has recruited 14 dental offices that will provide care to 102 students ages 5-17. The grant from Delta Dental will help cover the transportation costs to get students from school to the dental offices and then back to school. Any remaining funds will help provide follow-up care that students may need. The JLC partners with Communities in Schools through Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) to identify the children in need and to coordinate the transportation needs.

JLC President Lisa L. Johnson says, "The JLC is proud to continue our 90 year tradition of serving the Charlotte community, and our involvement in Give Kids a Smile Day is yet another example of how the JLC seeks to improve children's health. The JLC is grateful to Delta Dental for this grant. We also appreciate Dr. Meg Lochary from Pediatric Dentistry of Matthews, who has been instrumental over the years in partnering with us to help secure this grant."

In addition to Give Kids a Smile Day, the JLC partners with Colgate in the fall to provide dental screenings and to identify children in need for Give Kids a Smile day. During the spring, the JLC provides dental education lessons to kindergarten students at CMS.

The Delta Dental Foundation is focused on ensuring that children and adults in North Carolina receive high-quality oral health education and high-quality dental care. Through its Brighter Futures initiative, Delta Dental is committed to improving people's oral and overall health and well-being through advocacy, education and philanthropy.

"Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease today, and children miss 51 million hours of school every year due to dental issues," said Curt Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. "The Delta Dental Foundation's grant to the Junior League of Charlotte, Inc., will help reach more underserved children and provide them with better access to the dental care they need to be healthy and show up for school pain free and ready to learn."

About the Junior League of Charlotte, Inc.

The Junior League of Charlotte, Inc. (JLC) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. Through its actions and

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the leadership of trained volunteers, the JLC has been a leading force in improving the lives of children and families. Since 1926, the JLC has dedicated over \$13.5 million dollars and more than 1.5 million hours of volunteer service to the greater Charlotte community. In the 2015-2016 year, the JLC will dedicate nearly \$100,000 and over 10,000 hours of volunteer service to the betterment of the Charlotte community. Projects supported by the JLC include: The Junior League of Charlotte's Cornerstone Project at Reid Park Academy, Alexander Youth Network, Give Kids A Smile, Big Shots Saturdays, JLC Healing Arts for Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital, Second Harvest Food Bank and more. For additional information, call [\(704\) 375-5993](tel:7043755993) or visit www.jlcharlotte.org. You can also follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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.

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