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Bethany, Volunteer Dentists Aim to Fill Oral Health Care Gap

Moline, Illinois – Bethany for Children & Families (Bethany), in collaboration with the Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) Board of Advisors, is proud to announce the expansion of the Give Kids a Smile Program. The expansion includes a custom mobile dental clinic that travels directly to schools in Rock Island and Scott Counties. The professionally licensed staff aboard the mobile dental clinic will provide dental screenings and sealants to approximately 40 children per day. If follow-up care and restorative work is necessary, children will be referred to Community Health Care or one of the 93 volunteer GKAS dentists based upon availability.

Bethany is hosting an open house and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, October 19 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at 1830 6th Avenue, Moline, Illinois. Dental professionals, school personnel, political figures, members of the media, and supporters of the GKAS Program are invited to attend. Tour the mobile dental clinic and learn how the Give Kids a Smile Program aims to reach 9,000 underserved children per year. Enjoy light refreshments and snacks, and mingle with the many volunteer dentists who are committed to improving the oral health of children in the Quad Cities. Please R.S.V.P. online at <http://www.bethany-qc.org>.

The mobile dental clinic was manufactured by Farber Specialty Vehicles. The Illinois State Dental Society, Patterson Dental, US Adventure RV, and private donors have been instrumental in providing support to this program. The new mobile dental clinic was featured at the American Dental Association's Annual Session in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 10-13, 2011, and will be available for viewing at the open house.

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