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Sixth Annual Event Provides Free Dental Services to Local Children

Muskegon, MI – Public Health – Muskegon County is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the sixth annual Give Kids A Smile Day. On Friday, February 6, 2009, Muskegon area dental professionals and dental hygiene students will participate in Give Kids A Smile Day by providing dental services at no charge to uninsured children. Working with area health care providers to assure access to needed health services is just one of the many ways that the public health department is always working for a safer and healthier Muskegon County.

Give Kids A Smile Day is held each year on the first Friday in February. The American Dental Association founded Give Kids A Smile to raise awareness of what the U.S. Surgeon General has called a “silent epidemic” of dental disease. Muskegon County is one of the few places in Michigan where actual dental services are performed during Give Kids A Smile Day.

To participate in the Give Kids A Smile Day event in Muskegon County, eligible children must be between 5 and 15 years of age and must not have Medicaid coverage or other dental insurance. Registration and prescreening are required. Services are provided by appointment only. For more information please call (231) 724-1283.

Last year area dental professionals and dental hygiene students generously donated over \$27,000 worth of dental services. Services include dental health education, cleanings, x-rays, exams, fluoride treatments, sealants, fillings and other restorative procedures as needed.

This Give Kids A Smile event is made possible by dental professionals that volunteer time and service. Local sponsors and participants of this event include Public Health – Muskegon County, Muskegon Family Care Dental Services, Hackley Community Care Dental Services, the Muskegon District Dental Society and Grand Rapids Community College’s Dental Hygiene program. Colgate sponsors give Kids A Smile nationwide.

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Editorial Notes: Due to the need for signed parental permission and other documentation, this Give Kids A Smile event can only see children who are registered in advance.

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