

# MILES OF SMILES

Spring 2019



## Why Choose Us?

Miles of Smiles provides dental services to eligible children in all grades. Services may include exam, cleaning, fluoride varnish, and sealants if needed. This also satisfies the dental requirement mandated by the State of Illinois for school children (Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th and 9th).

There is NO COST to the family or school. After the services are performed, the following entities will be billed where applicable: IL Medicaid program, public/private grants, or private dental insurance.

Miles of Smiles, Ltd. will accept any reimbursement as the final payment (even if the claim is denied). The families and the schools are never billed for any co-payments, deductibles, or balances.

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Our President, Dr. David Trost, was given the award in October of 2018.

## MOS named the winner of the 2018 Champion Impact Award!

See more about the Honor on the back page!

### Schedule us now for the 2019-20 School Year!

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A closer look at the honor

## THE IMPACT AWARD

Miles of Smiles was recently honored by the Oral Health Forum at the American Dental Association headquarters in Chicago. The "Impact Champion" award was given to MOS in recognition of their work in Chicago Public Schools as well as their work statewide. The Oral Health Forum was created to expand equitable access to oral health care in medically underresourced communities. The Champions award is presented to networking partners who have the most impact in achieving the OHF mission. Accepting the award were Dr. David Trost of Taylorville, owner and President of MOS, Dr. Kevin Gibbs of Chicago, Dr. Philip Nelson of Chicago, Lorna Schlink, RDH of Metamora, and Nikki Carls, RDH of Pana. Dr. Trost gave a few acceptance remarks on behalf of his team, which includes approximately 50 seasonal oral health professionals. Dr. Trost included the schools and their staff as recipients of the award as well, saying they make the school-based program possible by encouraging student participation, by supplying the space and furniture needed for the set-up, and by providing help in obtaining the children from their classrooms. In addition, he acknowledged the collaboration with many agencies for the needed follow-up care. Dr. Trost requested that all community stakeholders network together often to influence increased funding for the dental care of lower income families. Access to quality oral health care is a very difficult problem for these children and their families. It was noted that the school program is not intended to compete with office based dentists. However, recent changes in the rules of compensation have made it difficult for both the school-based and the office-based dentists. "We must take 'yes' for an answer" is the ongoing theme in talking with our legislators.



Dr. Gabor with one of the many Miles of Smiles teams.

*Miles of Smiles, Ltd., is a team of dental professionals delivering preventive and educational services to children in schools, Head Start programs and other community agencies. We are committed to treating each child with compassion and respect.*

## NEWS FLASH!

Miles of Smiles, Ltd. strives to be on the cutting edge to better our Dental Sealant Program every day. We are excited to be sharing our Miles of Smiles consent form in a link, which the schools can share with their IT Department and include on the schools' online registration. This has been a pilot program in the Sangamon County Schools and has reached many more families to provide dental care to many more children. Please contact Miles of Smiles, Ltd for more information.

To get the form, visit [http://milesosmilesLtd.com/docs/CONSENT\\_2017\\_ENGLISH.pdf](http://milesosmilesLtd.com/docs/CONSENT_2017_ENGLISH.pdf)

## ATTENTION: REQUIRED DENTAL EXAMINATIONS per the Illinois State Board of Education:

- All Illinois children in kindergarten, grade 2, grade 6, and grade 9 are required to have an oral health examination.
- Regarding 9th grade dentals going into effect on 1/1/19. It goes into effect for the new school year – the 2019/2020 school year.
- This is required for all public, private, and parochial schools.
- Examinations must be performed by a licensed dentist, and he/she must sign the Proof of School Dental Examination form.
- Each child is required to present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15 of the school year.
- The dates in the rules were set so the exam is valid for 18 months.



Swinford (far right) with the group at Unity Point in Carbondale.

Our very own Kim Swinford provided a presentation for a parent workshop at Unity Point in Carbondale, IL. "I had the opportunity to spend a day presenting a power point to this wonderful group of women. To sum it up: We are better together. When we reach out, support, build, ask, listen, share, teach, partner. There is always more to learn and gain by the stories of others."



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