



Tooth Times

New Faces at A Kids Place

You may have noticed that we have some new staff recently, and we wanted to formally introduce them to you. In October, Dr. Stephen Steuhling started working in our office on anesthesia days. Dr. Steuhling is a top-notch pediatric dentist who came to us from Nevada, by way of Oregon Health & Sciences University. We are very happy to have him practicing with us!

This past year some of you may remember that one of our dental assistants, Jennifer, was pregnant. She delivered a healthy baby boy back in October, and is now at home taking care of two little ones! We miss her spirit in the office, but wish her well, and perhaps down the road a bit, she'll reappear!

In November, we hired two fantastic dental assistants, both with plenty of pediatric dental experience. Leilanie started at the beginning of the month, and Teresa came on board during the middle of November to replace another well-liked dental assistant, Mirabel. We were sad to see Mirabel leave, but wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Leilanie and Teresa have breathed new

life into our office, not only with their awesome clinical skills, but more importantly, with their kind and energetic spirits.

In December, we hired Taen, who graciously started with us after finishing her seven week externship. Although new to the dental field, she has an abundance of experience with children, as well as adults, and offers a kind and gentle touch to our office.

Finally, in the front, we have brought in Leslie to assist Paula with all of the many tasks that she so effortlessly has been doing by herself for the past year! Leslie is also new to the dental field, but loves working with children! We extend a warm welcome to all our new staff and wish everyone a happy 2008 — it's going to be GREAT!



Joey, our No Cavity Club winner this quarter, sporting his cool NCC t-shirt!

Importance of Six-Month Recare Visits

Many of you may wonder why dentists recommend recare visits twice a year, or every six months, (especially when insurance companies don't always cover those visits, or the treatment recommended in them). For young children especially, we are not always able to get x-rays, which makes it impossible to give a complete diagnosis. If the diagnosis is based only upon a visual exam, then the presence of inter-

proximal caries (cavities between the teeth) is impossible to detect. If those types of cavities are present at one visit, but go undetected because of the inability to take x-rays, those cavities will continue to grow. Since small children aren't always capable of taking x-rays, the best protection against decay then is to maintain regular (i.e every six months) check-ups. Is it time to schedule your child's next recare? Don't forget!

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ New Faces @ A Kids Place—see our website for new photos!
- ☺ Importance of 6-month check-ups
- ☺ Operation Smile: A Big Success!

Second NCC Winner

To the left is pictured our second No Cavity Club Winner, Joey. Joey is a fantastic patient, not only does he love keeping his teeth clean and strong, but he shows it off with his gorgeous smile, and cool T-shirt! Congratulations, Joey!

As the winner of this quarter's drawing, Joey is the proud new owner of an Oral B Vitality™ toothbrush. Keep brushing for your chance to win (or purchase, if you like, as a reward for your cavity-free son or daughter at their next visit!).

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Operation Smile - A Big Success!

On Halloween day, our office successfully hosted a bake sale with proceeds benefiting the not-for-profit group, Operation Smile. Operation Smile provides desperately needed cleft-lip surgeries for needy children all over the developing world.

Spearheaded by Michelle, our Clinical Coordinator, our entire staff, (including Dr. Steuhling pictured, right) baked goodies to sell for this worthwhile cause. Stationed outside our front door, we were able to capture all the traffic entering and exiting the main door of our building. Even though Halloween is a day filled with too many sweets already, our hearts are grateful to all those who stopped by our table to purchase even more sweets that day. Special thanks to all the offices located in the Highlands Professional

Plaza building for their support of this cause. At final count, we raised over \$400, and with some extra help from our office as well, we were able to contribute two life altering surgeries with our donation.

It is community efforts like this that we are proud to say we support. Whether it's presentations to parents' groups, or volunteering at Give Kids A Smile Day, Dr. McDonald and his staff are proud participants in our community, region and world!



Taen, seated, and Michelle and Dr. Steuhling behind the table of goodies.