



# Tooth Times

## Northwest Harvest Fall Food Drive

Many of our patients may remember the bake sales of Halloween's past, where we baked and sold goodies for Operation Smile. This year, our staff suggested that we do something that benefits people a little closer to home.

We have chosen to sponsor a food drive for Northwest Harvest. They will be placing a box in our office on November 16th through December 2nd. If your child has an appointment during these weeks, this would be an especially great time to bring some

non-perishable items in for donation. However, you don't need an appointment to stop by to donate, we'd love to see you!

In an effort to boost donations, we have decided to dispense raffle tickets for each item donated. Simply write your name and phone number on each raffle ticket, and at the end of the food drive, we will draw a winner to receive a prize—could be something dental related or perhaps we'll throw caution to the wind and come up with something

sinfully delicious! Either way, it's for a great cause, and you won't be disappointed should you have the winning raffle ticket! We know that food banks are running extremely low this year, and we would appreciate any assistance our patients can offer. Thanks!



**Beautiful smile, Lalissa!  
Way to go!!**

## Newest NCC Prize—Purple Tote Bag

That's right, we've got 'em—purple tote bags! Whether it's to carry balls to practice, or an impromptu overnight, our new tote bags will do the trick every time. We know how much fun it is to keep winning NCC prizes, and we think we've picked another winner with our stylish

purple tote.

The great thing about these bags is that not only do they reflect the hard work of each and every child who earned one, but they're just so darn useful, too! We are happy to award them and impressed to have thought of them. Ok—they were

Leilanie's idea!

NCC prizes are awarded after two check-ups in a row with no cavities. There is an order to NCC prizes, so if you don't get the bag this time, it's because you haven't yet received the prize before (t-shirt or water bottle). Happy toting!

## A Kids Place Dentistry for Children

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### Fall NCC Winner

This autumn's NCC winner is Lalissa. Due to her consistent brushing and flossing habits, she successfully earned her place in the No Cavity Club drawing this quarter—and won! Congratulations, Lalissa! It always feels good to win any contest and especially as a result of diligent oral hygiene. We know you'll enjoy your new Vitality™ Toothbrush from Oral B®—keep on brushing and flossing everyone. Great job!

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## A Kids Place Welcomes April Helms, RDH

We are very excited to introduce the newest member of our team. April Helms is a Registered Dental Hygienist, and has been practicing restorative hygiene for about three years. Before that, April worked for four years as an expanded duties dental assistant. She brings with her not only great experience, but a genuine appreciation for children--and that is a must in our office!

Restorative hygienists are trained to give anesthetic as well as fill cavities once the dentist has prepped, or drilled, the

tooth. Hygienists are also qualified to scale sub-gingival, or under the gum line, as well. Dr. McDonald has observed April's technique, and feels very confident in her abilities to numb patients gently and accurately as well as provide quality restorations.

As we continue to grow this practice, we feel very fortunate to find and attract quality professionals to work with us. April will be in our office on Thursdays, and you can't miss her—she's tall, with a warm smile—full of braces! 😊



Our newest team member:  
April Helms, RDH