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Southeastern District Health Department Announces
Give Kids A Smile Day

Pocatello – Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) announces the 2nd Annual “Give Kids A Smile Day” will be held on Friday, March 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Idaho State University Dental Hygiene Clinic located at 999 Martin Luther King Drive, Building #37.

“Give Kids A Smile Day” is an American Dental Association nationally sponsored event that is offered by local dental professionals to offer eligible children in Pocatello and surrounding areas, grades kindergarten through 3rd grades, the opportunity to receive dental exams and treatment at no cost.

Planned services include dental exams, x-rays, preventive treatment (fluoride varnish and sealants), home care instructions, and restorative treatment if necessary. Restorative procedures offered include fillings, pulpotomies, and extractions. Each child will be carefully examined by a dentist to determine the treatment needed and then necessary treatment will be provided.

Appointments can be made by calling Dana Solomon at 239-5256; walk-ins will be accommodated on an “as time allows” basis from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Without an appointment, your child may have a longer waiting time or possibly may not be able to be seen due to clinic volume.

This event is targeted toward families that have no dental insurance or are underinsured. The following financial guidelines show the number of household members (note that one pregnant woman counts as 2 members) monthly income, and yearly income that establishes the criteria for a child to receive services:

❖ 1	\$1,436/mo	\$17,224/yr
❖ 2	\$1,926/mo	\$23,107/yr
❖ 3	\$2,416/mo	\$28,990/yr
❖ 4	\$2,907/mo	\$34,873/yr
❖ 5	\$3,397/mo	\$40,756/yr
❖ 6	\$3,887/mo	\$46,639/yr
❖ 7	\$4,397/mo	\$52,522/yr

Sponsoring organizations include: Southeast Dental Society, Southeastern District Health Department, Delta Dental of Idaho, ISU Dental Residency Program, ISU Department of Dental Hygiene, Caring Foundation for Children, and Burkhart Dental.

During the 1st Annual Give Kids A Smile, over 90 children were seen and over \$15,000 worth of dental work was done. For more information on this event, call Karla Luedtke, RDH at 478-6314, or to make an appointment call Dana Solomon at 239-5256.