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OUR MISSION

The mission of PRASAD CDHP is to improve the dental health of children by providing high-quality comprehensive dental services through education, prevention and treatment.

Our goal is to increase children's access to dental care and reduce the prevalence of dental disease.

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ALL CHILDREN DESERVE HEALTHY HAPPY SMILES!

Thanks to your generous support, PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program has brought twenty years of happy, healthy smiles to children in need and we would like to express our gratitude.

Since the program's launch in 1998, the PRASAD CDHP mobile dental clinic and school-based health center has visited Sullivan County schools to provide health education and preventive and restorative dental services. The convenience of access to these services on school premises is an invaluable benefit in a county without public transportation and many low-income families.

According to a 2012 study published by the American Dental Association, annual emergency room dental visits in the US reached 2.1 million, many of which could have been avoided with regular dental care. Preventive care, though highly cost-effective, is out of reach for many county residents. PRASAD CDHP provides dental health education classes and dental services to more than 3,500 children each year. Since its inception PRASAD CDHP has distributed over 80,000 toothbrushes, received 27,000 dental visits and performed more than 86,000 dental procedures.

We are honored to be a four-time recipient of the Give Kids a Smile Award from the New York State Dental Foundation in recognition of our program's leadership and excellence in maintaining children's oral health. Through your generosity, PRASAD CDHP has made a difference in the lives and smiles of children for twenty years. Again, we thank you.

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Dr. M. Cecilia Escarra

We sincerely thank Dr. Richard Mayer for faithfully serving as a Trustee and Treasurer of PRASAD CDHP from its incorporation in 1998 until 2018. Although he is now retiring, Dr. Mayer continues supporting the dental program as Volunteer Medical Director.





Our program has helped thousands of children over the years. Beyond the obvious health benefit of the services performed, each child is transformed by the caring, respectful and supportive treatment given by PRASAD CDHP staff—it's an integral part of the care they receive.

Some children have had previous traumatic experiences with dental care; they arrive at the mobile dental clinic frightened and anxious. Our staff makes a gentle and concerted effort to ease their fears, explaining each step of the process. By the time the treatment is finished, the child is happy, unafraid and eager to come back for the next visit.

School nurses and teachers contact us when a child is in need of immediate dental care. Jenny first visited the mobile dental clinic because she was in constant pain from many cavities and was unable to eat. Her oral condition had deteriorated to the point of needing several tooth extractions. But Jenny was a trouper! She was an excellent patient because she knew that our goal was to help her heal so that she could be pain-free. Jenny's story is one of many demonstrating the importance of our program to the health and well-being of the children we serve. We can calculate the cost of providing dental treatment, but the value of restoring a child's health and self-confidence is priceless.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Become a **PRASAD CDHP Partner** (a monthly donor).

With your help, we can continue making a positive impact in the lives of children in underserved communities. Upon completion of your first year of partnership with PRASAD CDHP, you will receive a gift of a beautiful scarf, donated by LoveQuotes. We appreciate your continued support, which makes it possible for us to give children happy, healthy smiles! **Together we can make 2018 another successful year for PRASAD CDHP!**

ABOUT PRASAD CDHP

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is an initiative of The PRASAD Project, a philanthropic expression of the Siddha Yoga path.

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