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Bright Now! Dental Brings Smiles to Denver In Partnership with the Smiles for Everyone Foundation, Volunteers Provided Free Dental Care to Over 40 Denver Area Residents

Lakewood, CO – January 31, 2018 – Over 25 volunteers from eight area <u>Bright Now! Dental</u> locations gathered at the Lakewood, CO, office on Saturday, January 27, to provide care to 42 underserved patients from the community, with services including <u>checkups</u>, <u>cleanings</u>, oral cancer screenings, <u>fluoride treatments</u>, <u>fillings</u>, and <u>extractions</u>. Together the team donated \$30,000 in dentistry during the *Day of Giving*.

The day yielded many touching patient stories that underscored the vast unmet need for dental care among lower income Denver residents. Jeanne Payton recently underwent extensive treatment for cancer. While she's now cancer-free, the chemotherapy took a terrible toll on her teeth. She needed a lot of work and was very grateful to the Bright Now! Dental team for volunteering their time.

Another patient, Bastrykov Roman, is a recent immigrant from Ukraine. He fled his country to escape the war, leaving his old life and healthcare support system behind. He had severe pain and needed multiple extractions. Dr. Georgann Apgar was able to provide him the care he thought he could never afford, and he couldn't stop thanking whole team for helping relieve his pain.

Rachel Huber was moved to tears from the kindness she received. As a woman living on the streets, she says, "You truly have helped me to pick myself up and dust myself off. Dr. [Vidhya] Sampath is truly a God send. Thank you for all you do." She said it was one of the best days of her life.

Bright Now! Dental partnered with the <u>Smiles for Everyone Foundation</u> to deliver dental care to the underserved community during this *Day of Giving*. The <u>foundation's next event</u> will be held at the Bright Now! Dental office on Temecula Parkway in Temecula, CA₂ on February 11, 2018.

About Bright Now! Dental

Bright Now! Dental provides general dentistry, children's dentistry and, in select locations, specialty care services such as <u>orthodontics</u>, oral surgery, periodontics and endodontics at over 150 offices across Colorado, California, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Florida, Virginia,

Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. Bright Now! Dental's Colorado offices are operated by Modern Dental Professionals – Colorado, P.C. (the "Group") and owned by Dr. Vidhyalakshmi Sampath. The Group is affiliated with Smile Brands Inc., one of the largest providers of business support services to dental groups in the United States. Smile Brands Inc. provides comprehensive business support services through exclusive long term service agreements with affiliate dental groups, so dentists can spend more time caring for their patients and less time on the administrative, marketing, and financial aspects of operating a dental practice. Smile Brands is a portfolio company of Gryphon Investors ("Gryphon"), a leading middle-market private equity firm based in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit smilebrands.com.

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About the Smiles For Everyone Foundation

The Smiles for Everyone Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of delivering smiles for everyone by providing free dental care for those in need, both at home in the U.S. and around the world. Since 2011, the Smiles for Everyone Foundation has delivered over 13,000 smiles and \$11 million in donated dentistry. The foundation currently supports programs which provide free dental care to those in need in Cambodia, Ghana, Laos, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Thailand and the United States. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.smilesforeveryone.org.

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