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Bright Now!® Dental Delivers Smiles to Arizona Communities In Partnership with the Smiles for Everyone Foundation, Bright Now!® Dental Serves Low-Income Patients Using Grant from Sundt Foundation

Mesa, Arizona – February 21, 2020 – On Sunday, February 16th, three doctors from <u>Bright Now!</u> Dental provided underserved communities surrounding Mesa, AZ with the chance to receive free dental care! Dr. Abdullah Ahmad, Dr. Harlean Ahuja, and Dr. Leen Qutachi gathered with over 25 support staff to host a Day of Giving with the <u>Smiles for Everyone Foundation</u>.

Volunteers were able to provide free exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions and more with the help of a \$2,000 grant provided by the Sundt Foundation. The Sundt Foundation was established by Sundt Construction, Inc. to give its employee owners the opportunity to support organizations in their communities that improve the lives of disadvantaged children and adults. Thanks to their support, the Mesa Team served nearly 40 low-income individuals from local nonprofits such as Harvest Compassion Center, a local food bank; Phoenix Rescue Mission, an organization that fights hunger, homelessness and addiction; and Arizona Center for Youth Recourses.

"I'm more than grateful for this work today," exclaimed patient Gloria R. "My family and I struggle to be able to get work done and I don't know how bad our teeth would be without this today."

The Smiles for Everyone Foundation like to thank both the Sundt Foundation and the entire Team of volunteers for donating their money, time and skills to help others! With their hard work and determination, they were able to bridge the gap between providers and those who are unable to afford quality dental care.

The next Day of Giving that the Foundation is hosting will be at <u>Johnson Family Dental</u> in Santa Barbara, CA on March 14th. Please visit <u>www.smilesforeveryone.org</u> for more information.

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 Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia and Washington. Bright Now! Dental's Mesa office is operated by Modern Dental Professionals - Arizona, Inc., P.C. (the "Group"). The Group is affiliated with Smile Brands Inc., one of the largest providers of business support services to dental groups in

the United States. <u>Smile Brands Inc.</u> provides comprehensive business support services through exclusive long-term service agreements with affiliated 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 <u>www.smilebrands.com</u>.

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 27,000 smiles and over \$20 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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