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Bright Now! Dental[®] Provides Free Dental Care in Orlando, FL In Partnership with Smiles for Everyone Foundation, Bright Now! Dental Provided Free Dental Services to 50 Individuals in Need

Orlando, FL – June 14, 2018 – Last week volunteers from many <u>Smile Brands Inc.</u> affiliated dental offices around Florida came together for a Day of Giving at <u>Bright Now![®] Dental</u> in Orlando, Florida. Fifty individuals from the Orlando community received free dental care, totaling over \$40,000 in donated dentistry. Procedures provided include <u>fillings</u>, <u>extractions</u>, <u>cleanings</u>, and oral cancer screenings.

"We saw 50 patients and they were all so very grateful, not only for the treatment they were receiving but for the compassion they felt from all the volunteers," said Ana Vazquez, Smile Brands Inc.'s Director of Market Operations for Central Florida, who attended the Day of Giving. "I am very proud to be part of such a wonderful team and organization!"

Many patients expressed their sincerest gratitude for the care and compassion they received from the volunteer dentists and support staff. "Thank you so much for making my smile much brighter," said patient Stacey Hutton. Patient Paula Lamoreaux said she was "completely in awe of how selfless all the volunteers were who came today."

Wanda Golden had not seen a dentist in over seven years. She heard about the clinic at the <u>Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida</u>, and was very thankful for this event. When Dr. Alexander Duque took a look at Wanda's teeth, he noticed she needed much more work than a simple cleaning, filling or extraction. Dr. Duque invited Wanda to visit his office at a later date so he could do more extensive work free of charge. Wanda was so excited and overwhelmed by the generosity of his offer, she began to cry.

Other providers who volunteered their time at the Orlando Day of Giving include Dr. Gregorio Aquino, Dr. Elodie Epane-Kamdem, Dr. Angel Rivera-Castro, and Dr. Gemma Velez. Dr. Rivera-Castro will also be providing extensive pro-bono work for another patient through <u>Smiles</u> for Everyone Foundation's Smile Makeover program.

Since its inception, Smiles for Everyone Foundation has provided care for over 16,000 individuals in need and delivered over \$12 million in donated dentistry. The Foundation will be back in Central Florida for another Day of Giving next year. Please visit the Foundation's

website and connect on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram to learn about current and future programs.

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 Orlando office at Waterford Lakes is operated by Valley Forge Dental of Florida, P.A. (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>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 16,000 smiles and \$12 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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