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**Local Dentist Helps Provide Free Dental Care to Over 550 People
Partnered with Smiles for Everyone Foundation, Bright Now! Dental® Provider Delivers
Care to Underserved Paraguayan Communities**

Burbank, CA – August 9, 2018 – Dr. Bobby Afrooz, Lead Dentist at [Bright Now! Dental® in Burbank, CA](#), recently traveled to Asunción, Paraguay for a week-long international outpost trip to deliver dental care in impoverished communities. Along with a team of fellow [Smile Brands Inc.](#) affiliated colleagues and support staff, Dr. Afrooz volunteered his time to help deliver care to over 550 individuals in need.

This outreach was hosted by [Smiles for Everyone Foundation](#), a nonprofit with the mission to deliver smiles for everyone by providing free dental care to those in need, both at home in the US and around the world. In partnership with [Diaconia](#), a local NGO with the mission to empower those living in poverty to live with dignity and freedom, the Smiles for Everyone Foundation has supported year-round dental outreaches in Paraguay since 2011.

Outreaches were held at orphanages, community centers and schools in the communities surrounding Asunción, the capital of Paraguay. Local Paraguayan dentists partnered with the team throughout the week, working side by side to deliver care late into each night. During the six days of outreaches, the local dentists were also trained on complex dental procedures and working with the portable dental equipment so they can continue to deliver smiles in their communities throughout the year.

Dr. Bobby Afrooz is dedicated to giving back to his community, and also partnered with Smiles for Everyone Foundation to host a [Day of Giving](#) at his office earlier this year, providing nearly \$50,000 in donated dentistry to the local Burbank community.

For further information on the Paraguay trip and other outreach efforts, please visit the Foundation's blog at <https://www.smilesforeveryone.org/smile-stories/>.

About Bright Now! Dental

Bright Now! Dental provides general dentistry, children's dentistry and, in select locations, specialty care services such as [orthodontics](#), 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 Southern California offices are

operated by Sahawneh Dental Corporation (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. [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](#).

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 \$12.5 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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