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Castle Dental[®] Provides Free Dental Care to Nearly 70 Austin Locals In Partnership with Smiles for Everyone Foundation, Castle Dental Donates over \$60,000 in Dental Care

Austin, TX - Sept 24, 2018 – On September 15, Castle Dental[®] in <u>Austin, TX</u> opened its doors to provide no cost dental services for those in need from their surrounding communities. Over 40 volunteers from neighboring Castle Dental offices arrived ready to serve many low-income, underinsured individuals, many of whom had not seen a dentist in years.

Smiles for Everyone Foundation partnered with local nonprofit organizations to help pre-screen and refer patients to the dental clinic. Partners include homeless shelters and support services organizations such as <u>Caritas of Austin</u>, a homeless support organization; <u>Central Texas Food</u> <u>Bank</u>; <u>Refugee Services of Texas</u>; and <u>Mobile Loaves and Fishes</u>, a community support organization.

Patients expressed their gratitude as they were leaving the office after their appointment, thanking the volunteers for their time and services:

"This visit means more to me than you can imagine. It's the best thing that's happened to me in years," said patient Richard R., whose last dental appointment was six years ago.

Patient Johna M. states, "Thank you for helping me when no one else could. I am walking out with a <u>smile</u>!"

Volunteer providers included Dr. Samir Alrajab, Dr. Mihaela Atanasiu, Dr. Evan Blackwell, Dr. Ivan Candelario-Vega, Dr. Edgardo Gonzalez, Dr. Lan Dung Le, Dr. Luis Orraca, Dr. Lindsay Peterson, Dr. Francisco Somoza and Dr. Sravanthi Vasarla. Dental services provided include <u>x-rays</u> and exams, <u>fillings</u>, <u>extractions</u> and <u>cleanings</u>.

Overall, the Austin team provided care for nearly 70 patients, delivering over \$60,000 in donated dentistry.

Our next Day of Giving will be on September 22, 2018, at Monarch Dental[®] in Lewisville, Texas. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about our Days of Giving and other programs!

About Castle Dental[®]

Castle Dental provides general dentistry, children's dentistry and, in select locations, specialty care services such as <u>orthodontics</u>, <u>oral surgery</u>, <u>periodontics</u> and <u>endodontics</u> at 59 offices throughout Texas and Tennessee. Castle Dental is operated by dental groups that have affiliated with <u>Smile Brands Inc.</u>, one of the largest providers of support services to dental groups in the United States. Smile Brands Inc. provides comprehensive business support services through exclusive long-term 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.castledental.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 17,500 smiles and \$13.6 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 <u>www.smilesforeveryone.org</u>.

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