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Smiles for Everyone Foundation Has Record Year: Donates Over \$3 Million in Dental Services to 4,500 Underserved Individuals

Nearly 1,000 Smile Brands Inc. affiliated volunteers help provide pro bono dental services around the world.

Irvine, Calif., (December 19, 2018) — The [Smiles for Everyone Foundation](#) (“SFE Foundation”), a non-profit public charity affiliated with [Smile Brands Inc.](#) (“Smile Brands”), is proud to announce the results for its charitable initiatives throughout 2018, in which more than \$3 million worth of dental services were donated to communities in need across the U.S. and abroad. During the year, the organization hosted 21 free dental clinics (“Days of Giving”), an international outpost trip to Paraguay and 15 international outreaches in Ghana, Nicaragua, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. In total, over 4,500 patients worldwide were able to receive care from dental professionals in Smile Brands’ network.

“Through the work of the Foundation, we are able to truly deliver on our promise of providing Smiles for Everyone,” says Smile Brands CEO, Steven C. Bilt. “Our impact in 2018 would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our Smile Brands staff and dental professionals.”

Days of Giving were held at Smile Brands affiliated offices in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington. These events provide an opportunity for low-income and underinsured individuals to receive same-day services such as exams and x-rays, cleanings, fillings and extractions, all free of charge. SFE Foundation partners with local nonprofits for these events to identify individuals in need to receive these services. Nonprofits include homeless shelters, food pantries, veterans organizations, children’s groups and support service organizations for victims of domestic violence.

In July, Bilt lead a trip of fifteen Smile Brands affiliated dental professionals to Paraguay for a week-long service trip. On this trip, the team provided dental care and oral hygiene education to children and families at community centers and schools in the most impoverished areas surrounding the city of Asunción. During this trip, they also focused on establishing relationships and training dental professionals in the area in an effort to provide ongoing care in Paraguay throughout the year.

All initiatives spearheaded by the Foundation were supported by volunteers from Smile Brands’ network of offices. In 2018, nearly 1,000 dental professionals and support teams participated in the organization’s Days of Giving and international work.

“Giving back is a pillar of Smile Brands’ company culture,” says Bilt. “Watching our teams’ willingness to volunteer with the Foundation is inspiring. These opportunities, we feel, give a sense of connection and bring new meaning to the work we do.”

SFE Foundation was founded in 2011 by Bilt with the vision to support communities, both domestically and abroad, in ways only dental professionals can, by providing access to dental services. Since then, the nonprofit has delivered 19,000 smiles and donated over \$14.5 million in dentistry.

More information on SFE Foundation’s charitable initiatives for 2018 and future initiatives for 2019 can be found by visiting the foundation’s website at www.smilesforeveryone.org.

About Smile Brands Inc.

Based in Irvine California, Smile Brands Inc. is 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 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 supports nearly 400 Bright Now!® Dental, Monarch Dental®, Castle Dental®, A+ Dental Care, OneSmile Dental, Johnson Family Dental and P3 Dental Group offices in 16 states, including Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Smile Brands is a portfolio company of Gryphon Investors, a leading middle-market private equity firm based in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit www.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 19,000 smiles and \$14.5 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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