## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE





The Smiles for Everyone Foundation Has Record Year: Donates \$5 Million in Dental Services

Over 1,200 volunteers from Smile Brands Inc. help provide pro bono dental services around the world.

Irvine, Calif., (January 2, 2020) — The Smiles for Everyone Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization affiliated with Smile Brands Inc., is pleased to announce that in 2019, the organization donated \$5 million worth of dental services for individuals in need across the United States and internationally. Nearly 8,000 individuals benefited from these services worldwide. During this record year, the Foundation hosted 27 domestic free dental clinics, led one large-scale International Outpost Trip and conducted 23 other outreaches at their Outposts in Cambodia, Ghana, Laos, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Thailand.

The Foundation's network of volunteers is comprised almost entirely of Smile Brands affiliated dental professionals and support staff. The impact of the Foundation's events would not have been possible without the 1,200 volunteers who participated in SFEF's programs. Giving back is a key component of Smile Brands' award-winning company culture. The company has been on the Glassdoor Best Places to Work list for the past three years and was named Employer of the Year by the American Business Awards in 2018 and 2019.

"Our promise of providing Smiles for Everyone extends far beyond just our paying patients," says Smile Brands Inc. CEO, Steven C. Bilt. "The passion and dedication of our team members make it possible for the Foundation to provide Smiles for Everyone to those that need it the most."

The Smiles for Everyone Foundation's U.S. based free dental clinics, known as Days of Giving, were held at Smile Brands affiliated offices across the country. The Foundation partnered with local nonprofit organizations to identify patients for these clinics, ensuring that low-income, underinsured individuals were provided with the opportunity to access much-needed dental care that they otherwise would not be able to afford. In March, a team of Smile Brands affiliated volunteers also visited the Foundation's Outposts in Thailand and Laos on a two-week service trip. On this trip, the team provided care to some of the most impoverished areas in the two countries, and conducted trainings for local dentists and dental staff to continue serving communities in need throughout the year.

"A huge thank you, especially for my wife," exclaimed patient Ed C. from the West Valley, Utah Day of Giving. "She had been feeling pain for months, and it hurt me a lot because I couldn't afford treatment. Every time she cried, I cried with her," continued Ed. "But now we will smile together."

Since 2011, the Smiles for Everyone Foundation has provided care for over 26,000 individuals worldwide, donating over \$19 million in dentistry.

In 2020, the Smiles for Everyone Foundation plans to deliver more smiles around the world with the help of even more volunteers. They plan to host a Day of Giving nearly every weekend across the country as well as conduct

multiple international trips, including launching a new International Outpost. For more information on the Smiles for Everyone Foundation's programs, visit <a href="https://www.smilesforeveryone.org">www.smilesforeveryone.org</a>.

## **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 26,000 smiles and \$19 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 <a href="https://www.smilesforeveryone.org">www.smilesforeveryone.org</a>.

## 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. The culture-driven organization is the #1 ranked multi-location healthcare provider on Glassdoor's 2019 Best Places to Work list. Smile Brands 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 440 Bright Now!® Dental, Monarch Dental®, Castle Dental®, A+ Dental Care, OneSmile Dental, Johnson Family Dental, P3 Dental Group, and DecisionOne Dental Partners offices in 18 states, including Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. 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.

## Contacts:

Smile Brands Inc.
Jody Martin
PR@smilebrands.com
714.427.1299

Smiles for Everyone Foundation Crystal Strait <u>crystal.strait@smilesforeveryone.org</u> 714.824.5037