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Free dental care for needy children planned to promote Give Kids A Smile Day by DuPage County Health Department

Free dental care for needy children is planned at several DuPage County locations during February by The DuPage County Health Department as part of the national Give Kids A Smile Day campaign.

Give Kids A Smile Day is scheduled Feb. 2. The health department plans free dental services to income eligible children from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 2 at Conrad Fisher School in Elmhurst.

The health department will be utilizing its new state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic at Fisher school. Volunteer dentists will provide services, along with dental hygiene students from the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

The Feb. 2 event will be one of the first chances for the community to see the health department's mobile clinic called "The Smile Squad." The Smile Squad vehicle was purchased through a \$350,000 grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation.

In addition to Feb. 2, the health department is scheduling free children's services in several dental offices in DuPage County during February.

Give Kids A Smile Day is promoted by the American Dental Association. Each year the health department supports that effort by encouraging dentists, volunteers and agencies to donate valuable dental treatment to needy children.

For information on free local dental services, call the health department at (630) 682-7979, ext. 7776.

(Media note: call Dave Hass at (630) 682-7979, ext. 7374, to arrange photos or interviews regarding free dental services to needy children anytime during February.)

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