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CHI PARTNERS WITH THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION TO OFFER FREE DENTAL CARE TO KIDS

MIAMI – January 24, 2022 – Community Health of South Florida Inc. (CHI), is proud to host **Give Kids A Smile Day** on February 4, 2022. The annual event provides free dental screenings, cleanings, vanish sealants and giveaways to kids ages one to 16 years old.

“Every year we see children who have never been to the dentist on this day,” said Dr. Sheri Watson Hamilton, D.M.D., CHI Dental Director. “That’s a sad state of affairs, as lack of dental care can leave a child in pain or suffering with other health related consequences.”

CHI, a non-profit healthcare company has been a beacon of hope providing access to high quality healthcare for all regardless of insurance status, income level or background since 1971. In an effort to mitigate against the COVID-19 virus, various safety protocols have also been implemented to promote a safe, welcoming environment. As such, appointments will be required to ensure patient safety.

In partnership with the American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation, the Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) program provides oral healthcare to underserved children at no cost. Since 2003, local GKAS events have helped more than six million children get access to dental services with the help of dentists and healthcare organizations across the United States.

“With so much focus surrounding the pandemic, it is important to remember not to neglect routine healthcare,” said Dr. Watson-Hamilton. “Children should not be deprived of good oral health, which studies have shown can have a positive impact on the body’s overall health and wellbeing.”

CHI will be offering these free services for children at the following locations:

- Doris Ison Health Center 10300 SW 216 St. Miami FL 33190
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- West Perrine Health Center 18255 Homestead Ave. Perrine FL
33157
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- South Miami Health Center 6350 Sunset Dr. South Miami FL 33143
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

• West Kendall Health Center 13540 SW 135th Ave. Miami FL 33186
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

• Martin Luther King Health Center 820 SW 1st. St. Homestead FL
33030
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Appointments Required, Call (786) 272-2100

About Community Health of South Florida, Inc.

For more than 50 years, CHI has been a beacon of hope providing access to high quality healthcare for all regardless of insurance status, income level or background. The non-profit federally qualified health center offers comprehensive healthcare services including primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dental, urgent care, behavioral health, vision, radiology, pharmacy, transportation and more. CHI has 12 health centers and 36 school-based sites. CHI is a recipient of the Florida Governor's Sterling Award. It is accredited by the Joint Commission and is also accredited as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. CHI is also designated as a behavioral health medical home. In addition, CHI is home to the Brodes H. Hartley Jr., Teaching Health Center, training the next generation of doctors in family medicine and psychiatry.

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Editor's note: Interviews are available upon request.