

PRASAD
Philanthropic Relief, Altruistic Service And Development
*Children's Dental
Health Program*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP.) PRASAD CDHP is located in upstate New York, where rural poverty persists just 90 miles north of New York City.

There are few dental providers here who accept Medicaid. That, and a lack of public transportation, creates a significant barrier between access to dental care and the families who need it.

Our mission is to provide comprehensive dental care and education to children from low-income families. At the heart of our program is a mobile dental clinic, which allows us to bring dental services to children at their schools. This mobile clinic removes obstacles for parents who have no transportation or who cannot afford to miss work to take children to the dentist. Without PRASAD CDHP, many children would go without dental care.

Dental disease is the principal cause of school absenteeism in the USA, with 51 million classroom hours lost annually. With donors' help, we are making measurable improvements in many lives—and we still have much work to do. Our goals through 2011 include expanding our dental health awareness and education programs, while continuing to provide dental care services to children in need. We invite you to join us by becoming a [PRASAD CDHP Partner](#).

Tour the site to learn more about our [programs](#) and the many government and community [awards](#) we have earned. We encourage you to [contact us](#) with your comments, questions and suggestions.

With gratitude for your interest and support,



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