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To Provide Children in Need With a Life-Changing Dental Experience Through The Power of Sports

## **Delta Dental Community Care Foundation Pledges \$900,000 to TeamSmile to Expand Dental Care Programs for Underserved Children FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

04/22/2025 – TeamSmile is thrilled to announce a generous commitment from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, which has pledged a total of \$900,000 in donations spread across 2024, 2025, and 2026. Each \$300,000 contribution will be used to expand TeamSmile’s programs and outreach efforts, allowing the organization to provide life-changing dental care to even more underserved children across the country.

The Community Care Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of California and its affiliated companies, including Delta Dental Insurance Company, Delta Dental of Pennsylvania and Delta Dental of New York, Inc. Since 2011, the Community Care Foundation has awarded more than \$170 million in funding and support to increase access to quality dental care, oral health education and to advance scientific research across the company’s 15-state service area and Washington, D.C.

“At Delta Dental of California and affiliates, we are deeply committed to our purpose of improving health by providing access to quality care. Supporting TeamSmile through the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation drives our collective work forward, bringing vital oral health services to children in need,” said Kenzie Ferguson, vice president of foundation and corporate social responsibility for Delta Dental of California and affiliates. “By supporting this incredible organization, we’re opening doors to brighter futures — because we know that health begins with a smile. Together, we’re committed to nurturing healthier, happier communities and inspiring hope for generations to come.”

TeamSmile’s programs provide free dental services, education, and preventive care through collaborative events with professional sports teams, dental professionals, and community volunteers. With this significant investment, the organization will be able to extend its reach, enhance services, and bring smiles to even more children in need.

“Access to quality dental care is essential for a child’s overall health and confidence,” said John McCarthy, Executive Director of TeamSmile. “Thanks to the unwavering support of the Community Care Foundation, we can continue growing our mission to ensure that no child goes without the critical dental services they need. This generous funding will make a lasting impact on thousands of children, helping them lead healthier, happier lives.”

“It’s hard to express enough gratitude to the Community Care Foundation for this enhanced and extended partnership with TeamSmile,” said John McCarthy. “With this partnership, we will be able to continue the upward trajectory of TeamSmile and serve thousands and thousands of children throughout the country. We are tremendously grateful for their kindness, and for their faith in the TeamSmile impact. On behalf of the thousands of children that we have served – and will serve – we sincerely say THANK YOU to the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation.”



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