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Press Release

New York State Dental Foundation gives \$4,000 award to local oral health initiative

Albany, NY, March 3, 2011: The New York State Dental Foundation has given its Give Kids a Smile Award to the James M. Rozanski Dental Residency Program at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. The Rozanski Dental Residency Program will receive \$4,000 in recognition of its innovative programming designed to improve access to oral care for underserved children. The prize money will help fund future Give Kids a Smile screening and educational events, provide matching funds to provide care for children who require treatment in the operating room, and provide incentives for Adopt-A-Smile offices.

The Foundation's Give Kids a Smile Award is given annually to a community health center or service program which seeks to build, expand or enhance education, access and/or capacity with respect to oral health care for children. It is inspired in part by the American Dental Association's efforts to help children get the dental care that they need and to raise awareness that our children deserve a better health care system that addresses their dental health needs.

Three other organizations across the state also received a \$4,000 GKAS award, bringing the total contributions from the Foundation in this endeavor to \$16,000. They are: Seal-A-Smile School-Based Dental Program (Albany); Nassau Academy of Dentistry Access to Care Program (Garden City) and PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (Hurleyville).

The James M. Rozanski Dental Residency Program at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare will be honored at an awards ceremony to be held at Utica College Strebel Auditorium on Friday, March 11.

The New York State Dental Foundation is a non-profit corporation addressing the educational and humanitarian commitments of the New York State Dental Association. Its mission is to improve the oral healthcare of all New Yorkers.