

Give Kids a Smile Program

2014



Program Report - 2014

“GIVE KIDS A SMILE” PROGRAM – Madison & Dane County, WI
January 2014 - December 2014

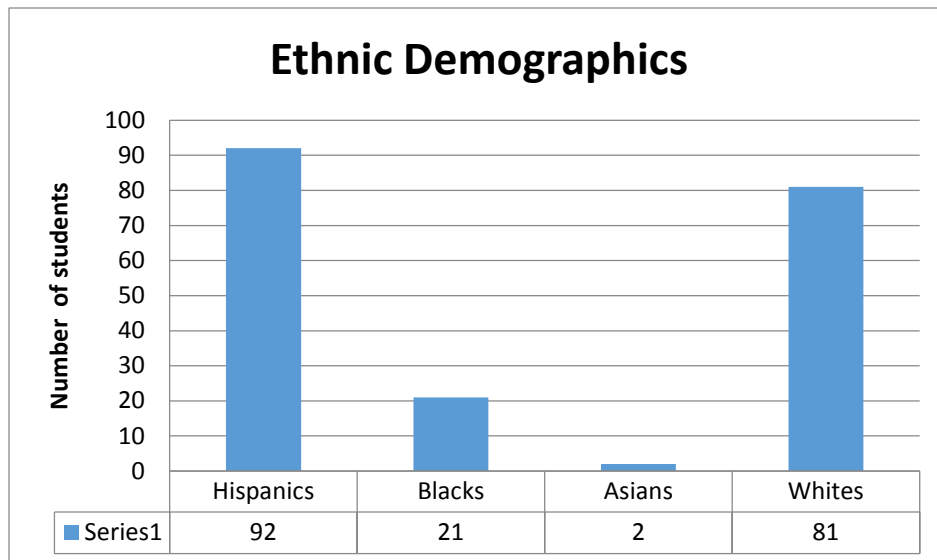
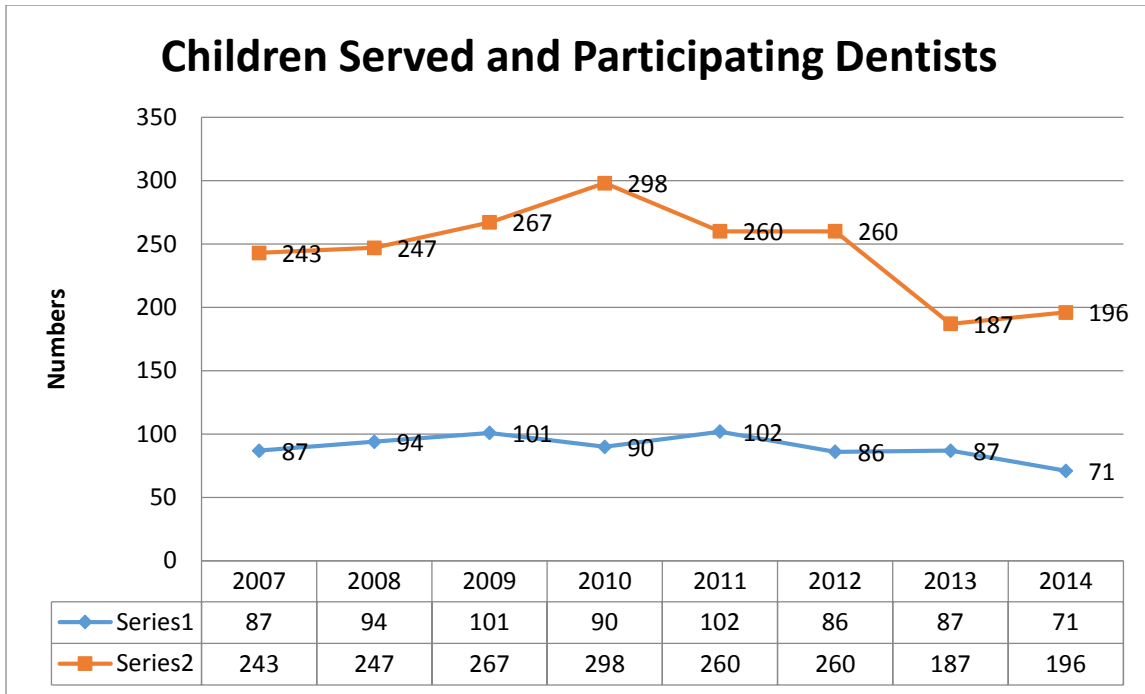
[Program Description](#)

- Dane County dentists recruited by local dental society and GKS committee.
- Local dentists donate comprehensive oral health services to Dane County school children (4-18+ years old).
- Children receive preventive services (cleanings, exams, x-rays and sealants) and restorative care (fillings, and crowns) and specialists care (Extractions, root canals and pediatric evaluation).
- School nurses or social workers identify and case manage children with oral health needs, who are either uninsured or have medical assistance and cannot find a dentist to provide care.
- Families with Limited English Proficiency are case managed.
- Two of the most common barriers to access dental care are addressed: transportation and language.

Unique Features of the Dane County Give Kids a Smile Program

- Comprehensive care is provided by local dentists willing to provide dental care.
 - Ongoing preventive and restorative care for children until their treatment is complete versus a onetime appointment or exam
- Year-round appointments available for emergency situations.
- Common barriers that inhibit dental access are addressed:
 - Transportation - cabs are arranged to get families to appointments
 - Language - interpreters are provided for non-English speaking families
- Targeted case management provided:
 - School nurses/social workers case manage families
 - Spanish-speaking families are case managed with comprehensive individualized oral health education
- A wide range of personnel that are involved in the program, some are paid and many are volunteers.

Below are graphs providing data from program years 2007-2014



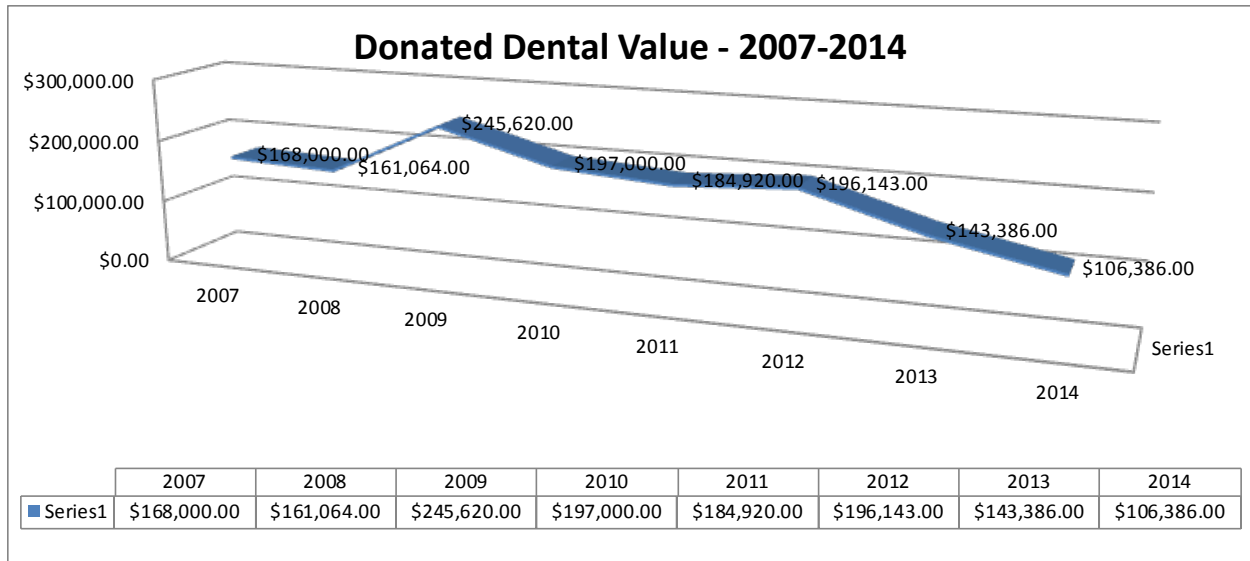
Students by grade

31 Elementary School students

25 Middle School students

14 High School students

196 Total Number of students



* Not included on the graph – Endodontic and orthodontic treatment

Partners/Collaboration

- **Volunteer general dentists and dentist specialists:** Provide in-office dental care.
- **Public Health Madison and Dane County:** Provide database for use of trained interpreters.
- **GKS Program Coordinator and Interpreter Coordinator/ Bilingual LEP Case Manager:** – Coordinates program, schools point of contact; data entry, recruits and coordinates dental offices contact. Schedules interpreters and case manages Limited English Proficiency (LEP) families.
- **Dental Clinic Contact Person:** Schedules GKS appointments.
- **District Nurses/Social Worker Coordinators- MMSD, MCPASD, Waunakee:** Coordinate school nurses/social workers and assign appointment slots.
- **School nurses and social workers:** Identify/recruit and case manages children.
- **Interpreters (contracted):** Interpret for non-English speaking families.
- **Union Cab:** Transportation resource.
- **United Way, Delta Dental, private dental office donations, private donations:** Fund the program.
- **ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER:** Fiscal agent.
- **GKS Coalition: Madison Metropolitan School District, local pediatric dentist and program coordinator:** Planning and oversight.
- **Celebrate Smiles:** Referral source.