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Time to get going

America’s ToothFairy launches 5th annual Smile Drive
Program in conjunction with National Children’s Dental Health Month
This month, in celebration of National Children’s Dental Health Month, America’s ToothFairy: National Children’s Oral Health Foundation invites the dental community to participate in a national program focused on providing vital oral care products to children in need.

The America’s ToothFairy Smile Drive® engages volunteers across the country in collecting oral-care products for underserved children and families and increasing oral-health awareness. Since the Smile Drive began in 2014, more than 1.2 million oral care products have been
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Of course, attendees don’t need a magazine to tell them this meeting is the place to be. For the next few days, you will be able to learn from some of the industry’s top education professionals, who will be presenting more than 200 courses, hands-on learning activities and live patient demonstrations. There also will be a special all-day track on dental assisting. Many courses have no additional charge; however, all listed courses require a ticket for entry. The free courses are seated on a first-come, first-served basis, and for all the courses, nobody is admitted beyond the halfway point after start. To ensure having a seat, register for the course in advance and arrive with your ticket before the start time. If you don’t get a ticket through registration, you can check at the classroom door to see if seats are available.

Among the many free courses are:
• “Uppers are from Mars, lower from Venus: Clarifying overodontures” with Nader Sharifi.
• “Safety in numbers: Dental radiation dose in 2018” with Katy (Catherine) Warren and Cindy Saylor.
• “Digital dentistry: Applications & potential pitfalls” with Rudi Masri.
• “Management of completely edentulous patient: Where are we headed with new technology?” with Mathew Kattadiyil.
• “Communicate with purpose: Learning to listen” with Lisa Spradley.
• “Baby steps: The infant dental exam for general dentists” with Gregory L. Psaltis.

Midwinter Meeting mobile app
If you haven’t yet downloaded the 2018 Midwinter Meeting mobile app to your smartphone, you might want to do that now. With the app, you will be able to:
• Navigate the 170,000 square feet of exhibit space with a 2-D map and plot routes to any of the more than 700 exhibitors.
• Access your course schedule by logging in and registering your badge number with the app after you have registered for the meeting.
• Sync your profile on the app with your LinkedIn profile.
• View PDF handouts from speakers presenting more than 200 courses on topics of interest to the whole dental team, and take notes that you can email directly to yourself.
• Complete online C.E. certification.
• Access the Virtual Tradeshow Bag, which is full of special offers for attendees to take advantage of when visiting the exhibit hall.
• Additional features on the app will enable attendees to network with one another, stay connected via social media channels and view favorite meeting details in one central place.
• Through the process of downloading the app, logging in and updating your profile, you will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a gift card.

Names will be drawn at noon each day of the meeting. Each day’s winners must be present on site at the show to accept a prize.

(Source: Chicago Dental Society)

SMILE
distributed to underserved children nationwide.

“Simple necessities like a toothbrush and toothpaste are something the children we serve often do without,” said Jill Malmgren, executive director of America’s ToothFairy. “Without the basic tools to maintain good dental hygiene, children often face lifelong challenges with poor dental health that negatively impact their academic performance, school attendance and overall health.”

Similar to a food drive, Smile Drive participants set up collection boxes at their business, school or other location to collect donated toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthguards and other oral-care products for children in their community. On or before March 20, World Oral Health Day, participants deliver their collected products to a local shelter, school, clinic or other non-profit organization of their choice.

Downloadable educational materials and activity sheets are available for volunteers to print and distribute when they deliver their donated oral care products or provide oral health education for children and their caregivers.

Those interested in participating should register at www.SmileDrive.org to receive a free downloadable toolkit with resources to promote their drive. Each Smile Drive participant will be recognized in the national Smile Drive Directory and be eligible for prizes for collecting the most products.

New in 2018, dental practices and companies can maximize their participation as “Smile Drive Superstars” and receive everything they need for a successful drive. With a contribution of $500, America’s ToothFairy will provide T-shirts, wristbands, co-branded educational materials and other resources to support Smile Drive promotional efforts and assist participants with setting up a meaningful educational event for children in their community.

Learn more and register at www.SmileDrive.org.

About America’s ToothFairy: National Children’s Oral Health Foundation
As a resource provider, America’s ToothFairy: National Children’s Oral Health Foundation increases access to oral health care by supporting non-profit clinics and community partners delivering education, prevention and treatment services for underserved children.

Since its inception in 2006, America’s ToothFairy has distributed more than $18 million in donated products, educational materials and financial grants to improve oral health outcomes for children and youth in need. For more information, visit www.AmericasToothFairy.org.