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**Delta Dental of Kentucky Teams up with Home of the Innocents for
Open Arms Children's Health Dental Services**
*Delta Dental's \$70,000 donation will provide services in
10 different healthcare disciplines to children and families*



Louisville, Ky. (January 26, 2017) – Home of the Innocents is pleased to be a recipient of a \$70,000 grant from Delta Dental of Kentucky's charitable initiative, Making Smiles Happen®. Funds will support the organization's one-stop pediatric medical practice, Open Arms Children's Health.

Open Arms Children's Health offers medical, dental, hearing, vision, radiology, pharmacy, behavioral health and rehabilitative services for its residents and is open to the public, including clients of partner agencies, children in foster care, children of refugee families and children with special needs from around the region.

“We know that the number of children ages 8-15 in need of early or urgent dental care has increased since 2001; the children at Open Arms Children's Health more so,” said Dr. Clifford Maesaka, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Kentucky. “Poor oral health care contributes to poor overall health for a lifetime. We believe in the promise of a better tomorrow for our children and Delta Dental is committed to doing all it can to provide a foundation for success. We are thrilled to reinvest in this partnership for the second year in a row.”

Paul Robinson, President and CEO of the Home of the Innocents, knows the struggles these children face. “The children that we serve are the ones who have difficulty finding access elsewhere. We serve the children that are here underneath of our roof, children that have developmental challenges, children who have behavioral challenges, and children who just can’t be seen at traditional facilities elsewhere. We are able to serve them and they are able to fit and to find a place here with us.”

About Home of the Innocents

Home of the Innocents is where Louisville and the surrounding region’s vulnerable children and youth find emotional, physical, and intellectual support that can transform their lives. The Home provides a range of important residential, treatment and community-based programs.

Serving more than 8,000 children and their families last year, Home of the Innocent offers a variety of programs. Those include offering a safe haven for at-risk children; pediatric medical care; shelter and education for pregnant and parenting teens; crisis and intervention services; clinical treatment services and therapeutic loving foster and adoption services. The Home also operates a pediatric convalescent center for children who are dependent on technology to sustain life, as well as children who are terminally ill.

About Delta Dental of Kentucky and Making Smiles Happen[®]

Delta Dental of Kentucky is committed to bright smiles and healthy lifestyles for our 700,000 enrollees and the communities we serve. Delta Dental of Kentucky is part of a family of companies that collectively are among the largest, most experienced dental plan administrators in the nation. Our network of providers gives our customers access to high-quality, affordable dental care.

Making Smiles Happen[®] is Delta Dental of Kentucky’s promise to serve our communities and residents one smile at a time. Aimed with the task of promoting oral health to the citizens of Kentucky, this initiative supports many non-profit partners. Giving back is a core component of our culture at Delta Dental, and Making Smiles Happen enables this support to be given to organizations that champion a better quality of life for citizens throughout the Commonwealth.

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