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Letter: Give Kids a Smile brightened the lives of these twins

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We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff and volunteer dental professionals of Bethany's Give Kids a Smile program.

Our family had always had quality dental insurance and good general dental health, so we never realized how difficult it can be for some of our most vulnerable residents to secure quality dental care.

Our perspective changed when we became adoptive parents of pre-teen twins who had lived for an extended time in the foster system, enduring more than a decade of dental neglect.

We went through months of frustrating dental care from practices 200-plus miles away. Thankfully, we eventually were put in contact with Give Kids a Smile, through which we met three Q-C dental professionals who had a life-changing impact on our family.

Drs. Jim Bishop, Maura Vroman, and Marjorie Taylor provided our daughters with exceptional care; they also improved the twins' health and self esteem, and treated them like they mattered -- considerations they had not been given previously.

Now that our adoption has been finalized, our daughters have private insurance and will no longer need to use Give Kids a Smile's services.

We intend to continue to support and celebrate this organization so others in need can find quality, local dental homes and receive important preventative care. In dismal economic times, it can be difficult to decide which worthy organizations should receive our financial support and time.

We believe Give Kids a Smile deserves both!

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