



## **DIAKON HELPS NONPROFIT PROVIDE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR MARYLAND YOUTH**

June 22, 2015 (Owings Mills, Maryland) - The nonprofit Children's Oral Health Institute (COHI) and Diakon Kathryn's Kloset (DKK) will lock arms to help afford local youth summer employment as the *Lessons in a Lunch Box: Healthy Teeth Essentials & Facts About Snack®* program continues to expand. The COHI will finance the summer jobs for the teens. DKK will provide the facility where the young employees will report to work. Use of the warehouse not only employs youth, but as well helps to facilitate further growth and national expansion of *Lessons in a Lunch Box*. Affording the nonprofit this needed square footage to aid in the packaging of the dental care lunch boxes gives young people job training and affords more elementary school children in Maryland and throughout the country the many benefits offered by the growing oral health education program.

In addition to packaging materials for the program, local Maryland teens will learn valuable lessons in benevolence through witnessing the collaborative efforts of COHI and DKK and by seeing first hand, the extraordinary work of DKK. The labor of these young employees will help to ensure the *Lessons in a Lunch Box* materials are properly packed, picked up from the warehouse, and shipped to elementary schools around the country. This summer workforce will yield thousands of lunch boxes and dental carrot cases for classrooms this fall, in time for National Dental Hygiene Month in October.

Mr. Wade Brown is the Executive Director of DKK. This unique program that partners corporations with non-profit is his brainchild. The Children's Oral Health Institute has been able to achieve increased growth, at a faster pace than was forecasted by some, due to the heartstrings of Brown and the DKK team.

*For more information about The Children's Oral Health Institute, The Lessons in a Lunch Box: Healthy Teeth Essentials & Facts About Snacks® program visit [www.mycohi.org](http://www.mycohi.org).*

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