



## October Benevolence Expands Oral Health Education Efforts

*Many support Lessons in a Lunch Box during National Dental Hygiene Month.*

Owings Mills, Maryland – November 2, 2015. October commemorates National Dental Hygiene Month and many have offered a helping hand to expand oral health education. Numerous acts of benevolence continue to be afforded to The Children's Oral Health Institute. Dr. Leslie Grant, the Director of Advocacy and Outreach expressed the deep gratitude felt by the grassroots nonprofit organization for all of the kindness and generous giving of time and talent throughout the month.

The month began with the *Lessons in a Lunch Box* program being included as a part of the DentaQuest Mission Month in Nashville, Tennessee. “Our mission, to *Improve the Oral Health of All* is in line with the goals of The Children's Oral Health Institute to ultimately make a difference in communities by educating children and families about proper oral hygiene and good diet behaviors,” this from Mr. Steven Brady, Director, Client Provider Engagement Tennessee Market. DentaQuest volunteers, student dentists from Meharry Medical College and members of the PanTennessee Dental Association gathered at Napier Elementary School on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** to present the health education program. Some 140 very happy children learned about good brushing habits, how to use dental floss and healthy diet portions.

DentaQuest Foundation president, Mr. Ralph Fuccillo and Senior Vice President, Client and Provider Engagement for DentaQuest, Maryland, Ms. Tequila Terry, rolled up their sleeves on **October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Together with a crew of their company volunteers, they packaged better than 3,500 lunch boxes. DentaQuest and the Foundation have supported *Lessons in a Lunch Box* from its inception.

On **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, Ms. Rebecca Binder, President of the Benco Family Foundation, and a team of company volunteers emerged at Arthur Street Elementary School in Hazelton, Pennsylvania to present *Lessons in a Lunch Box*. Joined by County Superintendent, Dr. Craig Butler and State Representative, Tarah Toohil - 116th Legislative District, the Benco volunteers dispersed throughout the cafeteria providing dentally designed lunch boxes to over 250 joyous children.

Student dentists from the University of Maryland have volunteered in numbers throughout the October on all fronts. Volunteers from the dental school joined warehouse operations on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** and **22<sup>nd</sup>**. Like DentaQuest, these professionals unpacked lunch boxes, filled them with dental carrot cases, repacked them and prepared shipments. They went on to help present *Lessons in a Lunch Box* at the Mount Royal Elementary and Middle School in Baltimore on **October 20<sup>th</sup>** to upwards of 200 cheering 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

*For more information about The Children's Oral Health Institute and how to register for the winter 2016 cycle of 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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