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\*\*\*\*Children's Miracle Network, area dentists help "Seal A Smile"

DALLAS -- On Friday, Oct. 19, hundreds of children in Dallas and Fort Worth will be a part of a free nationwide "Seal a Smile Program" for dental care. Sponsoring the program with the Children's Miracle Network-Johnson & Johnson Fund for Kids will be Dental Health Programs, Inc. of Dallas and the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Health Department.

Volunteer dentists and dental hygienists at four sites in Dallas and two in Fort Worth will apply protective sealant to the teeth of youngsters who would not otherwise be able to afford this kind of dental care. Participating organizations include the Dallas County Dental Society, the Dallas Dental Hygiene Society and the American Association of Pediatric Dentists.

Area Children's Miracle Network Telethon participants are The University of Texas Southwestern Center at Dallas and Cook-Fort Worth Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. The telethon is held annually in the early summer. Funds go for research in pediatric medicine at UT Southwestern and for patient care at the Fort Worth hospital.

"Seal A Smile" dentists will be seeing patients from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the following Dallas locations:

West Dallas Clinic 3710 N. Hampton

East Dallas Clinic 408 Haskell

The Fort Worth Clinics are:

Community Dental Clinic\*
Fort Worth Dept. of Health
1800 University Drive

Salvidar Clinic 5330 Nomas

Oak Cliff Clinic 623 Lancaster Kiest Shopping Mall

North Tri-Ethnic Clinic 2950 Roosevelt

Included is a backgrounder on dental sealants provided by Johnson & Johnson.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.

\*Fort Worth media should plan to visit the Community Dental Clinic at 1800 University Drive if interested in a story.