



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New Dimensions in Health Care Receives Carondelet Community Fund Grant Money Awarded to Children's Dental Program**

**AMSTERDAM-** New Dimensions in Health Care (NDHC) recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Carondelet Community Fund. Funding from this grant will be used to support NDHC's dental education and community outreach program, 1-2-3 Smile!.

With financial support from the Carondelet Community Fund grant, NDHC will continue to uphold its commitment to providing low-income families in Fulton and Montgomery Counties with the education, training and tools needed to maintain good oral hygiene. The 1-2-3 Smile! program has seen great success since its inception in 2005. At present, the program is educating upwards of 800 local children per year.

Through the 1-2-3 Smile! program, NDHC partners with local schools to present a dental program to children ages three to ten. A puppet show is presented to younger children, which helps convey proper dental care concepts, while a program focused on nutrition and the long-term effects of not brushing is presented to older children.

In addition to learning and engagement achieved through 1-2-3 Smile!, all participants receive educational material to share with their caregivers. Many area families are uninformed of the low or no cost health and dental insurance coverage options that may be available to them at NDHC, thus preventing them from seeking necessary care. This education is a crucial part of NDHC's community outreach efforts.

#### **About New Dimensions in Health Care**

New Dimensions in Health Care, Inc. (NDHC) operates a New York State Department of Health Licensed Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Amsterdam, New York. Currently, NDHC provides the following services to approximately 6,500 patients in the surrounding community: Primary Care, General Dentistry and Podiatry. Specialty medical services such as Gynecology and Psychiatry, provided by consulting physicians, are available primarily to 860 individuals with disabilities. The health center is a National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognized facility.

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