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## **New Dimensions in Health Care Receives Carondelet Community Fund Grant Money Awarded to Early Intervention Dental Program**

**AMSTERDAM** – New Dimensions in Health Care (NDHC) recently received a \$1,500 grant from the Carondelet Community Fund. The awarded funds 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, NDHC continues 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 through the *1-2-3 Smile!* Program.

In 2022, as part of *1-2-3 Smile!*, elementary school students were given kits, prepared by NDHC staff, that included tooth brushes with fun designs, toothpaste, floss and a sand timer to help children brush their teeth for the recommended two minutes twice a day.

The kits are given out in order to continue to stress the importance of dental hygiene to school aged children. In previous years, NDHC partnered with local schools to present a dental program focused primarily on children age’s three to ten. An interactive presentation was presented to younger children by a Registered Dental Hygienist and Dentist, which helps convey proper dental care concepts, while a program focused on nutrition and the long-term effects of not brushing was 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 Health Care, Inc. (NDHC) is a non-profit organization in Amsterdam, NY, dedicated to improving health outcomes. NDHC operates a health center which offers high-quality dental and

medical services to patients of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, with a specialty focus on serving patients with disabilities. Daily, our team of dedicated providers strive to give our patients caring, individualized treatment. Our medical staff believes that establishing meaningful, quality connections helps cultivate a bond between doctor and patient and sets up life-long healthy habits. The health center serves over 4,700 patients annually and is a National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognized facility.

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