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Healthy Help for Beautiful Smiles

It's been said that a beautiful smile is the only language that the whole world can understand. Now residents who need to beautify their smile can get help right here in the community, as the Gateway to Oral Health Foundation's mobile dental clinic will be at the Bevo-Long Community Education Full Service School at 5028 Morganford Road on Monday, June 28.

According to the foundation, oral health professionals will provide services such as exams, x-rays, cleanings and fillings in the mobile dental clinic. Children must be at least three years of age to participate. Any interested parent or adult should make an appointment in advance by calling Patrice Crotty at (314) 353-1034. Services will only be provided to those having an appointment.

Dental services are free to children three through 17 years old who receive Medicaid insurance. Others may inquire about hardship cases for children or reduced fees for adults when setting an appointment. The reduced-fee schedule is available at the Bevo-Long Community Education Full Service School and on the web at the following link:

http://slpsms.schoolwires.net/longcec/site/default.asp.

The Gateway to Oral Health Foundation is proof that good things can come from a bad situation. Three dentists – Dr. Byron DuVall, Dr. Derrick Frye, and Dr. Joseph Erondu – formed the organization back in 1996, when the St. Louis Public Schools faced losing their free dental program. As products of the St. Louis Public Schools, these dentists understood the importance of this program and the difference it makes in the lives of kids. Since its creation, the foundation has helped thousands receive preventative and restorative care for their teeth, and taught children what it takes to keep those beautiful smiles.

If you know someone who needs this valuable service, please encourage them to make an appointment or give the foundation a call, because great health starts with a great smile.

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