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HEALTHY SMILES FOR KIDS OF ORANGE COUNTY
5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION “ENDLESS SUMMER, ENDLESS SMILES”

THE BREAKAWAYS PLAY AT
FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING OC CHILDREN

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Orange County – Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County celebrated their 5th Anniversary with a fundraiser ***Endless Summer, Endless Smiles***. A day of family, friends, fun and fundraising which included live music from The Breakaways and an assortment of hands-on children’s activities.

Held on **Sunday, September 14th** at the **Hyatt Regency Newport Beach – Amphitheater and Lawn**, honored the **Children & Families Commission funded partners**, the heroes from organizations who collaborate with Healthy Smiles to fulfill our mission of improving the state of children’s oral health in our community; CHOC, El Sol Science and Arts Academy, School Readiness Nurses, MOMS Orange County, Coalition of Orange County Community Clinics, Homeless Shelters, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove who have been “Heroes for Oral Health”. Healthy Smiles raised just over \$69,000 to help support pediatric oral health services for children in Orange County at the Healthy Smiles Smile Center, the Smile Clinic at CHOC, the SmileMobile and community outreach programs.

The surf-themed event featured exciting activities such as Captain Carl’s Mobile Tide Pool, face painting by Oasis Arts, sand art, tile painting, games by Eric Miles and the Tooth Fairy Learning Center booth where kids learned about oral health. Adults enjoyed samplings from Hope Wine, a silent auction and live beach music by The Breakaways.

Endless Summer, Endless Smiles was supported with *Program Support* from Hoag Hospital, *Hang Ten Sponsors*, Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo, *Five Toes on the Nose Sponsor Project Access*, *Body Surfer Sponsors*, 3M ESPE, The California Endowment, The Richard and Kristin Mungo Family, Northern Trust, Gary Van Arnam, *Skim Boarder Sponsors*, CHOC, The Lam Family, Saddleback Memorial Medical Center, SafeGuard Dental & Vision, A MetLife Company, The Shaw Group, St. Joseph’s Hospital *Boogie Boarder Sponsors*, Sandra Bolton, Bonne, Bridges, Muller, O’Keefe & Nichols, CalOPTIMA, Harris Done DDS, Elizabeth Dunne, Kevin Hszieh DDS, Cherilyn Sheets DDS & Mark Moehlman, Team Up for Down Syndrome, Universal Specialty Vehicles, Feizal Waffarn MD, Frank Yorita DDS

Thanks to the dedicated event committee including Ingela Baath, Bitu Bagheri MD, Sue Brown RN, Ann Browning, Monique Daviss, Brenda Deeley, Georgina Gentner, Kim Goll, Tiffany Goodman, Gary Grady, Kathy Kolodge RN, Paula Lopez, Kate Mossbarger, Diana Ornalez, Kelly Pijl, Barry Ross, April Rudge, Yvonne Sanders, Michele Silva, Marta Tooma DDS, Gary Van Arnam, All proceeds benefit prevention, education, and treatment programs to improve the oral health of children in Orange County and decrease the staggering disparity in access to care.

About Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County

Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to improving the oral health of children in Orange County through collaborations directed at prevention, education, treatment and advocacy. With the support of the Children & Families Commission of Orange County, and in collaboration with the USC School of Dentistry & CHOC, Healthy Smiles helped establish the first ever Pediatric Dental Residency Program in Orange County in 2006. Through their Seals on Wheels school-based prevention program, family outreach and healthcare provider education programs, Healthy Smiles also collaborates extensively with other community-based providers to decrease the staggering disparities in oral health among Orange County's children.

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