America's ToothFairy: National Children's Oral Health Foundation & The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation $1,000 Youth Oral Health Scholarship

America's ToothFairy and the USHCC Foundation is seeking one youth from your community to lead a community project related to oral health. Youth will be provided a Community Education Kit, America's ToothFairy staff support, and access to an online portal with downloadable materials and project ideas. Accepted participants will also receive a **$1,000 scholarship** at the conclusion of their project. **Applications are due February 23, 2015.** Upon notification of your acceptance, **projects should then be completed by May 31, 2015**.

On the following pages, you will find project ideas and the application. Upon acceptance the "Share the Impact" form that needs to be submitted before the $1,000 is awarded, will be sent to you.

Untreated tooth decay is nearly twice as common among Hispanic primary school children as non-Hispanic whites.[1] America's ToothFairy: National Children's Oral Health Foundation, a wellness non-profit specializing in community health promotion, is working to close this gap through a partnership with the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Tooth decay leads to missed school days, missed work hours, and generalized pain and suffering. It can progress to widespread infection and, left untreated, result in death. Fortunately, tooth decay is also preventable.

Through these projects, youth will save children from their own communities from the pain of tooth decay by improving oral health literacy, increasing access to education and preventive care, and elevating awareness of oral health as an overall health issue.

Application Deadline: February 23, 2015
Fax or Email Completed Form to 704-350-1333 or youth@ncohf.org

Project Deadline: May 31, 2015

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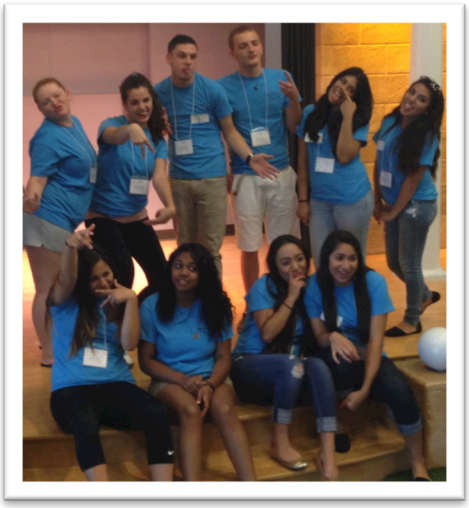
[1] http://www.latinpost.com/articles/17505/20140720/missing-teeth-tooth-decay-more-common-hispanics-study-latino-oral.htm

Project Ideas



- Hold a Toothbrush/ToothPaste Collection Drive and Distribute to At-Risk Children
- Use the Provided Community Education Kit to Educate Younger Children on Oral Health
- Assemble the Downloadable Display Board Kit and Set Up at School or Community Center
- Ask a Local Pediatrician in Your Community to Hand Out "Tips from the ToothFairy"
- Partner with Your School Nurse to Start an Oral Health Education Campaign
- Design Posters Encouraging Children to Drink Water Over Soda or Juice & Ask Elementary Schools to Display in the Cafeteria
- Circulate a Petition on Change.Org to Request Improvement in Oral Health Access
- Post to Social Media Using the Suggested Messages on the Youth Portal
- Research Oral Health Disparities and Develop a Plan to Address One Through Youth
- Partner with a Local Girl or Boy Scout Troop to Award America's ToothFairy Patches
- Volunteer at a Community Food Bank to Talk with Visiting Children About Oral Health
- Write a Letter to Your Editor on Why Oral Health is Important and Why You Care
- Work on or Develop a Campaign to Raise Awareness of the Benefits of Fluoridation
- Log-In to the Youth Portal to Read the Project Plans Packet for More Ideas!

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone:_____Cell Phone:_____

Email:_____

School:_____

Date of Birth:_____

Sponsoring Chamber:_____

Why do you want to lead a health project in your community?

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What do you hope to learn from the experience?

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What are some of your project ideas?

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Parent Signature:_____
Youth Signature:_____

(Please attach additional pages as needed for the questions above.)
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