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HEALTH DEPARTMENT DENTAL PROGRAM ENDODONTISTS TO BE AWARDED

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL—Countless teeth have been saved for underprivileged teenagers residing within the county thanks to the generous work of nine private endodontists who donate their services to the dental program at the Palm Beach County Health Department.

The Health Department has a very high demand for dental services among the younger population and is limited in what preventive and restorative procedures can be offered. As a result, the unique, pro bono “Save a Molar” referral program was initiated to preserve teeth in these children. These root canal treatments, offered by endodontists, are critical procedures that save teeth and can prevent many potential problems relating to early tooth loss.

“These services provided to health department patients attempt to reverse the mentality that extraction is the only option when a child experiences a toothache. Instead, the volunteer endodontists promote maintaining their dentition and overall oral health,” said Dr. Jeffrey Albert a Health Department Dentist and co-founder of the program. “By performing a root canal they can help make a difference in the lives of children one tooth at a time.” The program has been very successful and was recently featured in a national newsletter by the American Association of Endodontist (an affiliate of the American Dental Association).

A child in need of root canal treatment is referred to the private office of one of the eight endodontists who have agreed to accommodate these children. All services provided are free of charge. The parents have communicated sincere gratitude for the outstanding work provided for their children. Likewise, the doctors have expressed great pride and satisfaction in helping the underprivileged teenagers.

On Wednesday, July 21 at 8:30 AM the Dental Program at the Health Department, 800 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach will be honoring these Endodontist for their extraordinary work on behalf of the children in Palm Beach County.

Honored for their work will be:

Dr. Rory Mortman (a co- founder of the “Save a Molar” program)
Dr. Sang Shin
Dr. Bradley Ginzler
Dr. Jaime Silberman
Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw
Dr. Charlyn Bradshaw
Dr. Bruce Schulman
Dr. Theodore Lerner
Dr. Bernard Metric (donated root canal services to health dept. for 18 years)

“These doctors are all very dedicated to preserving healthy teeth in all children of the county. I hope that more will follow their example and participate in this very important program that assures good dental health,” said Dental Director Philippe Bilger.

Information on the Palm Beach County Health Department Dental Program can be obtained by calling 561-837-5660 or at www.pbchd.com.

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Media note: These endodontist are available for interviews and work in progress photos. Contact Dr. Jeff Albert 954-560-1613.