



Dear Fellow Project Christmas Smile Colleagues:

It has rapidly come to that time of year again that I need your help in **Project Christmas Smile 2023** to give care back to our community on **December 9th, 2023 from 8am-1pm**. Including myself, Drs. Davis & Beyers, Dr. Scott Middleton, Dr. Frances Tran, Dr. Melanie Holden, Dr. George Strickland, Dr. Ken Liszewski, and Dr. Buddy Benson have graciously donated their offices for our efforts. I am always looking for other offices that are able to support a team of doctors for the day. So if you or anyone that you know who is willing, please let me know.

At this time, we are trying to get the word out there in order to communicate our efforts to those who need access to care. I would encourage you to also communicate what you will be doing in December to your local networks as well. I do believe that there is still a great need out there more than ever. I hope all of you will be there to help support and give back to our wonderful community.

I am currently building a roster together based upon the contact information that I have from last year's event and to those whom I have spoken to that have expressed interest in volunteering. For those that I have contacted and cannot make it this year, we would certainly love you to join me in 2024. Please respond back to this email as soon as possible if you will be able to contribute this year and what you may help in doing for this year. Depending on the space available, I will need to sort out placement. I am currently looking for a few vendors that help support our efforts. If you know of any other vendors that would be interested in helping please let me know. We are always looking for supplies and even food for not only volunteers, but for those who have been waiting in line for a long time to be treated. Just a thought. We've had patients in the past that slept in their cars overnight just to be first in line.

The date planned for **Project Christmas Smile 2023** will be on the second Saturday of December which will be **December 9, 2023**. The event is scheduled from 8am to 1pm, but I encourage all volunteers to stay longer if possible. From past years experience, we will often get overflow after 1pm and presented challenges when some volunteers had to leave at 1pm. All of the site locations to date have expressed interest in keeping their doors open till we have served those individuals that have come from far away and waited the entire morning just to be treated. All the help is greatly appreciated to all of those involved.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,
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