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### **Delta Dental Foundation Awards \$3,500 Smiles for Kids Grant to Not 4Gotten, Inc.**

**Youngsville, NC (June 26, 2018)** – Not 4Gotten, Inc. received a \$3,500 Smiles for Kids grant from the Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) to advance the oral health of uninsured and underserved children ages 8-12 in Granville and Franklin Counties through their Made U Smile Program.

These areas are rural, dentist shortage areas. Granville County and Franklin County have only 3.9 dentists per 10,000 residents and 1.3 dentists per 10,000 residents, respectively. Through this unique program children will receive dental exams, cleanings, x-rays, and fluoride treatments that they may otherwise have gone without. In addition, parents of children in the program will receive information on how to maintain the services that they child received and how to prevent further oral health problems.

“Not 4Gotten is very fortunate to have received this grant from the Delta Dental Foundation so that we can make strides towards improving the oral health of children in our community,” said Director of Not 4Gotten, Inc., Peggie Simpson. “We are excited to be able to provide dental outreach for Not 4Gotten’s summer program students that have lacked proper dental care.”

The Delta Dental Foundation focuses on ensuring that children and adults in North Carolina receive high-quality oral health education and dental care. The grant received by Not 4Gotten, Inc. is one of 19 grants totaling \$65,800 that DDF is donating to North Carolina oral health organizations and programs. This is the second grant that Not 4Gotten, Inc. has received from DDF. Grant recipients were selected based on criteria that included the number of at-risk children served, the uniqueness of the program, the level of community involvement in the program and the ability to measure results.

“We are proud that the work being done by Not 4Gotten, Inc. has been recognized by the Delta Dental Foundation,” said Curt Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. “By increasing access to dental care, we can help improve the oral and overall health and well-being of children and adults by preventing serious health issues down the road.”

#### **About Not 4Gotten, Inc.**

The mission of Not 4Gotten, Inc. is to enrich the lives of seniors, veterans, youth, those with special needs, homeless, and socially disadvantaged citizens. They reach out to those in need in rural and urban NC communities to ensure that no one is forgotten. They strive to create jobs, enrich lives, promote health and wellness, educate, and encourage everyone to build beneficial partnerships. For more information, visit: [www.not4gotteninc.net](http://www.not4gotteninc.net).

**About the Delta Dental Foundation**

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The foundation's goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit [www.deltadentalinc.com](http://www.deltadentalinc.com).

**About Delta Dental of North Carolina**

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of providers, including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina.

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