

Straight Talk



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Four New Finalists Announced

Smile for a Lifetime of Guilford County is thrilled to announce four more scholarship winners! Congratulations to the following finalists who were selected from among the applications for orthodontic scholarships!



Josue Mendez was selected in the last quarter of 2012 as a finalist. Because of Josue's amazing story, we were able to award him a scholarship. He is from Honduras and came to North Carolina as an exchange student at Caldwell Academy. He has graduated but it currently working to build a college fund. He plans to attend UNCG and study music. Josue is a gifted opera singer and blesses others through his music. He says braces "would change my life forever."



Tia Benton is an eighth-grader at Southeast Middle School where she runs track and plays volleyball. Tia's mother helped her complete her application. Mrs. Benton says, "The Smile for a Lifetime scholarship will help my daughter, Tia, continue with a happy adolescence only without having a barrier between who she actually is and what other people actually see." A huge thank you goes out to **Dr. Matt Applebaum** for donating the cleaning necessary to get Tia started in her braces!



Alondra Muniz is in sixth grade at Southwest Middle School. Her sixth grade math teacher wrote a letter of recommendation for Alondra, saying "She is the kind of student that is most rewarding to teach...Her projects often demonstrate a great deal of effort and more creativity than students who merely use their computers to print something out." Alondra would like braces because she is often called names at school because of her crooked teeth.



Sabina Muniz is in eighth grade at Southwest Middle School where she has begun working as a peer buddy by working with several autistic students once a week. Her counselor says, "She has a big heart and serves as an excellent role model to others." Sabina has also experienced teasing because of her teeth. "I want to be happier than a kid going to Disney and finally have braces. When I do get braces, I will be happier than that kid," says Sabina.

Calling all Golfers!

Smile for a Lifetime is thrilled that the Guilford Medical and Dental Managers Association chose us as a benefactor for their second annual golf tournament! This amazing event will take place Thursday, June 6, at Greensboro Country Club's Carlson Farm Course, beginning at 9:00 am. Please gather a four-some and register for a fun day that will make a lasting difference to those in our community. Information can be found at <http://www.gmdm.org/golfclassic.htm>.



Congratulations to our first graduates! These two students are the first scholarship recipients to complete their treatment. Take a peek at these great smiles!



Troy Caldwell



Before



After

This experience changed Troy. He says "Before I had braces, I could barely stand to look at my teeth in the mirror. Now I am constantly looking at my teeth in the mirror...Y'all have changed my life forever." Troy's Aunt Dee also sees the change and she says this "is a gift that can't be measured." She says it "not only lifts the spirit of the child but the parents as well." Thank you to **Dr. Lizzie Applebaum** and **Dr. Margaret Szott** who provided additional treatment to Troy!



Ivana Rendon



Before



After

"I absolutely love my new smile. Sometimes I still catch myself staring at my teeth in the mirror," says Ivana. Her mother also sees the change in her daughter. "She is a beautiful girl now, and that is thanks to you, confident when she smiles," says Laura Rendon. "You don't know how many nights, for years I would not be able to sleep thinking, how am I going to pay for her braces," she continues. "From the deepest bottom of my heart, thank you!"

Supporting the Foundation

Please consider supporting Smile for a Lifetime to advance the common good of our community. One hundred percent of donations stays in Guilford County and the funds help support our Smile for a Lifetime recipients! We are a 501(c)3 organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

Scholarship applications received by our deadlines are reviewed and candidates are prioritized based on financial need, orthodontic need, and special situations. Dr. Reynolds provides orthodontic screenings for the top applicants and three deserving children receive orthodontic scholarships each quarter. To download an application, visit ReynoldsOrthodontics.com and click on the Smile for a Lifetime logo (bottom of home page) or email us at s4l@reynoldsorthodontics.com!

New Board Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Board of Directors:

Brian Maness

Andrea Miller

Wayne Scott

Deadlines for 2013

Our board of directors meets four times a year to review scholarship applications. The Board selects 3 scholarship recipients per quarter. Deadlines for 2013 scholarships April 1, July 1, and October 5. The application is at www.ReynoldsOrthodontics.com/smileforalifetime.aspx.

Thank you to Dr. Mark Reynolds and his staff who donate their time and services!

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The mission of Smile for a Lifetime is to create self-confidence, inspire hope, and change the lives of children in our community in a dramatic way. The gift of a smile can do all this for a deserving, under-served individual who, in turn, can use this gift to better themselves and our community.



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