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DES MOINES DENTIST EARNS “IOWA SMILES AWARD”

ANKENY, Iowa – October 5, 2007 – Delta Dental of Iowa today announced that Des Moines dentist Dr. Adam Fuller, DDS, has been recognized as a winner of the “Iowa Smiles Award,” an award to recognize Iowans who put smiles on the faces of others, especially in the fields of health care, education and community service.

Nominator Natalie Green cited Dr. Fuller for his contribution to the community as a yearly volunteer for the local Smile Squad Mobile Dental Clinic, which provides free dental care to students at schools in Polk County. “Fuller understands the barriers that are keeping children from receiving the dental care they need,” said Green. “He is willing to give his time and talents to the Smile Squad program whenever asked,” she added. Additionally, Dr. Fuller is active in community events and committees that focus on the success of the students in the community.

As an Iowa Smiles winner, Dr. Fuller will receive a custom-designed award (pictured above). Delta Dental of Iowa also will donate 100 toothbrushes to the school or agency of his choice.

“We’re pleased to recognize Dr. Adam Fuller for his contributions to his community, and we welcome nominations of Iowans who bring smiles to others,” says Donn Hutchins, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Iowa. “Whether it’s a teacher who puts smiles on the face of students or a community volunteer who makes an event a little more enjoyable, we want to recognize Iowans who create smiles.”

Continuing awards will be made throughout the state. For more information, or to make a nomination, go to www.iowasmilesaward.com.

Delta Dental of Iowa supports a number of community benefit programs as part of its not-for-profit mission to improve the oral health of Iowans. The company is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. The Iowa company is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental plans. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation providing coverage to more than 50 million people in nearly 88,000 employer groups.

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