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### **BOONE DENTAL EMPLOYEE EARNS “IOWA SMILES AWARD”**

ANKENY, Iowa – July 27, 2007– Delta Dental of Iowa today announced that Boone Dental employee Brenda Slight 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.

In the nomination, neighbor and friend Cherie Morrissey cited Slight for contributing to the community’s oral health by working as an employee for Dr. James Pollard for nearly 20 years. Slight also takes an elderly neighbor to dentist appointments. “Brenda knows the right things to say and do at the right time for her family, friends, neighbors, and community,” Morrissey added. “She is a mother of three and has been a caring neighbor by helping out as needed.”

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

“We’re pleased to recognize Brenda Slight for her contributions to her 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](http://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 47 million people in nearly 81,000 employer groups.*

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