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TWO DENTISTS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE AS “IOWA SMILES AWARD” RECIPIENTS

ANKENY, Iowa – April 2007 – Two dentists who were cited for their community service are being recognized for their ability to put big grins on the faces of their friends, neighbors, associates and colleagues.

Delta Dental of Iowa, the sponsor of the “Iowa Smiles Award” program, today announced the names of new award recipients. The award was designed to recognize Iowans who put smiles on the faces of others, especially in the fields of health care, education and community service.

This class of award winners includes:

- From **Bettendorf** – **Dr. Matthew Cannon**, a pediatric dentist who dons a costume to extend his oral health message in classrooms across the community.
- From **Center Point** – **Dr. Philip Andersen**, an active volunteer at the free dental clinic in Cedar Rapids.

All Iowa Smiles winners will receive a custom-designed award (pictured above). Delta Dental of Iowa also will donate 100 toothbrushes to the school or agency of the winner’s choice.

“We’re pleased to recognize these Iowans for their contributions to their communities, and we welcome nominations of other Iowans who bring smiles to their friends, neighbors and associates,” says Donn Hutchins, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Iowa.

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. It 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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