

# DID YOU KNOW?

- Poor oral health has been related to decreased school performance, poor social relationships, and less success later in life.
- Children from families with low incomes had nearly 12 times as many days of missed school because of dental problems as did children from families with higher incomes.
- Tooth decay is the single most common childhood disease—five times more common than asthma.

*Thanks to St. Joseph Health Ministries and the Brush.Brush.Smile® mobile dental buses, more children and families have access to critical dental services.*

*Source: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource.*

+ CATHOLIC HEALTH  
INITIATIVES®

## St. Joseph Health Ministries

*Improving the health of children in need within Lancaster County.*

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Bright Smiles  
*lead to*  
Bright Futures...

brush.  
brush.  
smile!®





# It is estimated that 19,800 children in Lancaster County never visit a dentist.

● We serve economically disadvantaged children between the ages of 5-18 who are either uninsured or Medicaid-insured, and who have not visited a dentist in the last six months.

## The Brush. Brush. Smile!® Journey



All children seen on the bus receive an evaluation, cleaning, X-rays, fluoride and sealants.

*Preventative Care*  
\$250 Donation

*Friendly and experienced full-time dental team*

In addition to preventative care, children receive restorative care such as fillings, extractions, or crowns.

*Restorative Care*  
\$500 Donation

In classrooms, children learn what it's like to visit a dentist, how to brush their teeth, and make good food and drink choices.

*Classroom Education*  
\$150 Donation  
HELPS 15 CHILDREN

*Brush. Brush. Smile!® Bus visits every school district in Lancaster County.*

Children participate in Dental Olympics in their school physical education classes. Instruction includes fun activities such as Plaque Attack Freeze Tag and Tooth Brushing Relays.

*Dental Olympics*  
\$50 Donation  
HELPS 10 CHILDREN

Our ultimate goal is to find a dental home for every child in Lancaster County. Our Coordinator of Children's Health helps families with referrals and securing that dental home.

*Connect Program*

9,500+ children participate in education each year

*You can help put a bright smile on a child's face, and lead to a brighter future.*