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## DELTA DENTAL MOBILE PROGRAM RECENTLY VISITED BROOKINGS

Brookings, SD – The Delta Dental Mobile Program was in Brookings recently for one week and provided preventative, restorative, and diagnostic dental care to children ages 0 -21 years who did not have access to dentist. 31 children were seen and \$26,487 in care was performed.

"We are so thankful for the partnership that we have with Delta Dental. A \$2,500 investment per week from Brookings Area United Way is leveraged to provide the much-needed care in our community. The Delta Dental Van was back in the Brookings area and 8 children had never seen a dentist before, while another 8 children had missed school, visited the ER/hospital or indicated pain. We had children of all ages visit the dental van and receive proper care," said Heidi Gullickson, Executive Director of Brookings Area United Way.

With four weeks of dental van this year, 158 kids in Brookings County have received \$161,992 in dental care, including 491 restorative procedures completed (cavity fillings, crowns, and extractions), 1,042 preventive measures completed (cleanings, sealants, and fluoride), and 441 diagnostic procedures completed (exams and x-rays).

The Brookings Area United Way partners with the Delta Dental Mobile Program thru funding, marketing efforts and coordinating the dental appointments.

The Delta Dental Mobile Program will be in Brookings County for one more week this year in October. To make an appointment for October, call the Helpline Center by dialing 211.

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