

Ascension Seton Dental Clinic Program Summary Smart Smiles & Urgent Care 2021

In greater Milwaukee, more than 60,000 children live in poverty and lack access to basic dental care. These children are at high risk for tooth decay, infection -- and dental pain that keeps them out of school.

Research has shown a clear link between oral health and systemic (overall) health. We know that people with poor oral health are at higher risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Giving children proper oral health education at a young age contributes to healthier habits as they get older.

We respond with the Smart Smiles program, which provides preventive care and screening right to children in their own schools. Children who need further care are referred to the Ascension Seton Mobile Dental Clinic or the brick-and-mortar Ascension Seton Dental Clinic.





Tooth pain is the No. 1 reason that kids miss school. With your support, you deliver preventive care to thousands of children -- right in their own schools -- and follow-up care in the Smart Smiles program.



You provide urgent care to people who don't have access to a dentist otherwise -- stopping pain and potentially life-threatening infection from diseased teeth.



You give care that keeps children in school -- able to focus on learning and not on tooth pain. You build a future of good health and make them smile.

You support innovation.

Ascension Seton Mobile Dental Clinic, the first of its kind in the community, visits schools and other locations to reach children and others who can't travel to appointments at brick-and-mortar dental clinics. You bring the right kind of dental care in the right place at the right time to people who need it.

You deliver dental care that changes lives.

Last year, your support of Seton Dental Clinic brought

- Protection for the most vulnerable in Milwaukee
- Care for 11,000 people
- 18,000 dental appointments
- Prenatal oral care to 145
 expectant mothers -- promoting
 healthy births