

# Word of Mouth

*An exclusive Whitney Young Health newsletter*

## Progress to Date



**\$1,284,245  
Raised**

*Halfway there!*

*\$1,215,755 until we reach our goal!*

## Lead Gifts

New York State Department of Health  
Touhey Family Foundation  
Hearst Foundations  
Daniel Nolan  
Frederick McDonald Trust  
Jewish Federation of NENY  
Janitronics, Inc.  
Review Foundation  
David Shippee & Ann Volpel

## The Latest in Our Efforts

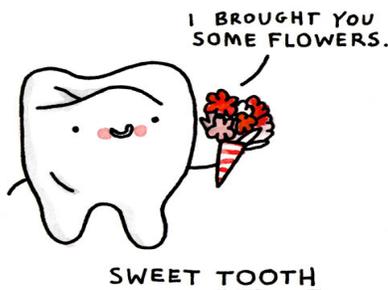
Welcome to Whitney Young Health's inaugural issue of our Campaign for Smiles newsletter! The Campaign, launched in January 2016, has made tremendous progress in a very short time. With an ambitious goal of raising \$2.5 million to support and expand dental services for low income residents of the Albany area, we are already past the half-way mark.

Have you experienced oral health issues, despite your best efforts? Have you had a cavity filled or a wisdom tooth removed or a root canal done? Imagine that you didn't have dental insurance (not hard to do since 130 million Americans don't have dental insurance) and couldn't afford the procedure. How long would you have waited to have it addressed? Would infection have spread to your entire body, perhaps your brain? That's what happened to the young Maryland resident Deamonte Driver – and he died at the age of 12.

What would you do to stop that from happening to anyone here in the Capital Region? At Whitney Young Health, we believe that everyone needs access to high quality dental care – regardless of whether they have insurance or the means to pay for services. But we can't keep up with the demand. We need your help to expand our capacity – both physically and programmatically.

In the coming months, we hope that this newsletter will inform you and inspire you. If you have already made a commitment to the Campaign for Smiles, thank you! If you haven't, consider making one now. Either way, share this newsletter with people you know – people who can't bear the thought of children and adults in our community falling victim to illness and disease that can be prevented or caught early through a routine visit to the dentist.

For more information on the Campaign for Smiles, call our Development Director, Maureen Yee, at 518-591-4471 or to make a donation today, visit <https://wmyhealth.thankyou4caring.org/campaignforsmiles>



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