

## **College of Dentistry**

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Dear Belita,

Thanks to the generous funding from the Alachua County Children's Trust, despite the challenges posed by COVID, as of January 2021, the UF College of Dentistry's Saving Smiles Program has provided over 700 dental services to 118 children and adolescents in Alachua County and has a full summer of community programming planned.

Over the past year, we have been better able to leverage funding by exclusively utilizing the services of a Registered Dental Hygienist to coordinate care, rather than those of a licensed dentist, which is considerably more expensive. To date, this strategy has worked well and we would like to re-budget the remaining funds to continue to support this strategy.

Attached is the re-budgeting form that outlines the specifics of the proposed reallocation of funding. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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