

Dental Select Makes a Difference!

June 11, 2013, Salt Lake City---In Utah alone, someone needs blood every 8 minutes; every 2 seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion. Approximately 5 million patients across the nation require blood each year. However, only 8 percent of eligible blood donors actually donate. Recognizing this need, Dental Select reaches out to its community to make a difference.

On May 31st, 2013, Dental Select employees combined their efforts to host an American Red Cross blood drive. This is Dental Select's 2nd year participating in a blood drive, and is a tradition it intends to continue for many years in the future.

Because of their enthusiasm and willingness to serve, Dental Select's staff donated 20 pints of blood. According to Sheri Van Bibber, an American Red Cross Donor Recruitment Representative, "This has the potential to impact 60 lives."

Each donation is composed of red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets. These components of the blood can be used to treat different medical needs; therefore, even one donation can make a huge difference! The blood given by Dental Select's staff will be used to fill local needs in 31 hospitals across Utah.

In addition to donations, community sponsorships and disaster relief, Dental Select is involved in its community in other ways as well.

As the sole administrator of Sealants for Smiles, Dental Select ensures that 100% of its monetary donations go directly to improving the oral health of low income children. Sealants for Smiles is a 501(c)(3) public charity providing free school based oral health education and preventive dental services to Utah children who do not have the means to access dental care.