

# THE SCHOOL DENTIST Gives Hispanic Kids a Smile

*February 4, 2008*

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*Dr. Melanie Sheils Vergeldt and her son Eric Vergeldt*

This is the fifth consecutive year that Dr. Melanie Sheils Vergeldt and her staff, who form THE SCHOOL DENTIST, arrived at *The Catholic Social Services Hispanic Outreach Center* in Pontiac, Michigan with their portable equipment, and donated one day of dental treatment to children.

This outreach center offers services to Hispanic residents of Pontiac and the North Oakland County area. These children have limited resources, no dental insurance or Medicaid.

Although the winter storm of February 1, cancelled the original scheduled visit, Dr. Melanie and staff saw fifty-three children on February 4, 2008. Each child received an oral exam, prophylaxis and fluoride treatment. Eleven sets of two bitewings, 22 sets of four bitewings, and 84 occlusal view periapicals were taken. All digital x-rays were printed out

and given to each patient to take along with them. Dr. Melanie also applied 36 sealants to high risk

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six-year molars. Four children were found to need urgent dental care.

Dr. Melanie's team consisted of: Joan Matthews, dental hygienist, Nela Hariga, x-ray technician, Lea Gottschalk, dental assistant; and, volunteer Boy Scout, Eric Vergeldt.

The generous support of GKAS corporate sponsors, Sullivan Schein Dental and Colgate added to the success of the day. It was a day of smiles. △

## **Dinner / Study Club Meetings**

**2007/2008**

**April 11, 2008**

All Day Meeting  
MSU Center, Troy

**April 16-19, 2008**

MDA Annual Session

**May 6, 2008**

Dinner Meeting  
Meadowbrook Country  
Club, Livonia

**May 20, 2008**

Golf Outing  
The R&S Scharf  
Golf Club at  
Oakland University

800 S. Adams Rd. (South of Walton)