

Chestnut Dental Associates Pediatric Dentist Completes Humanitarian Mission Teaching Franklin Dentistry Expertise in Indonesia

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Chestnut Dental Associates recently announced that Dr. Shelley McBride, a pediatric dentist at the practice's Franklin, Massachusetts office, completed a humanitarian mission with Project Hope to Bali, Indonesia, where she provided education and lectures on pediatric dentistry techniques to local healthcare providers. The mission aimed to advance children's oral health care in underserved regions through knowledge transfer and professional development.

Project Hope, an international health care organization founded in 1958, delivers medical training, health education, and humanitarian assistance to communities around the world. The organization operates in more than 25 countries, focusing on strengthening health systems and building local capacity to address critical health challenges. Through its volunteer programs, Project Hope connects medical professionals with communities that lack access to specialized healthcare expertise.

"The opportunity to share pediatric dentistry knowledge with healthcare providers in Bali reinforced the universal importance of children's oral health," said Dr. Shelley McBride, pediatric dentist at Chestnut Dental. "Working with local practitioners to enhance their capabilities in treating young patients creates lasting impact that extends far beyond the duration of the mission. Every child deserves access to quality dental care, regardless of geographic location."

Dr. McBride brings extensive credentials to her humanitarian work, including training from Harvard School of Dental Medicine and board certification in pediatric dentistry. She has been recognized as a Boston Magazine Top Dentist and previously served as president of the Massachusetts Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Her participation in the Project Hope mission represents an extension of her commitment to advancing pediatric oral health both locally and globally.

"Dr. McBride's dedication to improving children's dental health worldwide reflects the values our entire team embraces," said Anne Hertzberg D.M.D., spokesperson for Chestnut Dental. "This mission demonstrates how the expertise we provide to families in Franklin can also benefit communities across the globe. Supporting initiatives that expand access to quality pediatric dental care aligns with our practice's fundamental commitment to children's wellbeing."

The humanitarian mission highlights the broader philosophy of patient care that defines Franklin pediatric dentistry at Chestnut Dental. The practice's pediatric specialists focus on comprehensive oral health education for families, preventive care strategies, and creating positive dental experiences for children from infancy through adolescence.

Chestnut Dental has served families in Franklin, Needham, and Bedford, Massachusetts since the 1970s. The Franklin location offers multi-specialty dental services including pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, periodontics, and adult cosmetic dentistry. The practice maintains collaborative relationships with Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard School of Dental Medicine, ensuring patients receive care informed by the latest advances in dental medicine. With extended evening and Saturday hours, plus 24-hour emergency coverage, the practice accommodates the diverse scheduling needs of modern families while maintaining its focus on coordinated, comprehensive dental care.

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