

ABOUT GIVE A SMILE

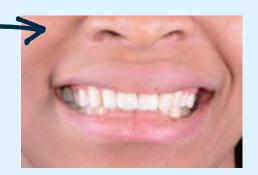
A student-led nonprofit restoring confidence, one smile at a time.

Our Mission

Give a Smile is a nonprofit organization run by dental students at The Dental College of Georgia. Our mission is to ensure that no one is denied essential dental care because of financial hardship. We want to ensure that every patient receives the treatment they deserve.

Empowering Smiles, Transforming Lives: Established by a group of passionate students in 2004, the *Give a Smile* program has become a beacon of hope for patients who find themselves in difficult and often unexpected financial circumstances. We firmly believe that everyone deserves a healthy smile and the confidence that comes with it. Our program aims to uplift and empower individuals by providing them with the opportunity to regain their oral health and overall quality of life.







Why We Do It

We've seen firsthand how lack of access to dental care impacts a person's self-esteem, ability to eat comfortably, speak clearly, and even gain employment. Many of our patients come from vulnerable or unexpected circumstances—people who've lost insurance, survived hardship, or are simply trying to make ends meet. The opportunity to help them isn't just a privilege—it's a responsibility we take seriously.

How It Works

Give a Smile empowers dental students to advocate for patients who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford care. Through a detailed application process, students submit cases on behalf of patients struggling with financial barriers. Applications are reviewed by a committee of students and faculty who carefully evaluate each story with empathy, integrity, and a patient-first mindset.

A Student-Driven Movement

Give a Smile is more than a fund—it's a reflection of the values we hope to carry with us as future dentists: compassion, service, and advocacy. Being part of this program teaches us how to treat the whole patient, not just the tooth.

Why Your Support Matters

When you support Give a Smile, you're not just donating to a cause—you're becoming part of someone's comeback story. You're helping a single mom smile again, a job-seeker walk into an interview with confidence, or a veteran eat without pain for the first time in years.

With smiles and gratitude,

The Give a Smile program Team at The Dental College of Georgia

MEET THE STUDENT LEADERS BEHIND GIVE A SMILE

Our team is made up of passionate dental students committed to community care, equity in healthcare, and making dentistry more accessible—one smile at a time.



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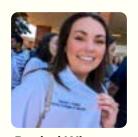
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About The 5K Dental Dash



GIVE A SMIL

Lace up for a cause that goes beyond the finish line. The 5K Dental Dash is more than a run—it's a movement for accessible dental care in our community.

Join us for a heartwarming and impactful event that will not only energize your body but also brighten countless smiles! This is an extraordinary opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those seeking vital dental care.

With your enthusiastic participation, all the proceeds garnered from registrations, donations, and sponsorships will contribute directly to the *Give a Smile program* at the Dental College of Georgia. This program touches the lives of deserving patients at the dental school who are in dire need of essential dental treatments. The *Give a Smile program* is a beacon of hope for these individuals, providing them with the chance to apply for financial assistance that can transform their oral health and overall well-being.

Participating in our 5k Run/Walk isn't just about making a difference in the lives of those in need; it's also a chance for you to win exciting prizes as a token of our appreciation for your support and dedication!



Event Details

Location: SRP Park 187 Railroad Ave, North Augusta, SC 29841

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

Day: Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Parking available in parking deck.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES



Platinum Sponsors

- Promotional item in runners' registration packet
- Logo on back of runners' T-Shirt
- Business name and logo on race website
- 6 Complimentary race registrations
- Create a table/display booth at event
- Opportunity to speak to runners before race begins
- Logo on race banner displayed prominently at event

\$1,000

Gold Sponsors

- Promotional item in runners' registration packet
- Logo on back of runners' T-Shirt
- Business name and logo on race website
- 4 Complimentary race registrations
- Create a table/display booth at event
- Opportunity to speak to runners before race begins

\$500

Silver Sponsors

- Promotional item in runners' registration packet
- Logo on back of runners' T-Shirt
- Business name and logo on race website
- 2 Complimentary race registrations

\$250

Bronze Sponsors

- Logo on back of runners' T-Shirt
- 1 Complimentary race registration

\$100

Raffle Sponsors

 Contribute to our raffle's success by donating products, gift cards, or other items to create exciting prize bundles



CONTRIBUTION BENEFITS

- Community Engagement: Gain prominent exposure as a compassionate supporter of. essential dental care for under-served individuals in our community
- Brand Visibility: Increase your brand's recognition by reaching a diverse audience through event signage, promotional materials, and online platforms
- Meaningful Impact: Make a tangible difference by directly contribute to improving the oral health and overall wellbeing of those who are less fortunate
- Tax Benefits: All donations will be housed in Give a Smile's account at Augusta University Foundation. <u>Ask</u> for Augusta University Foundation's Federal Tax Identification number for possible tax benefits!

ADDITIONAL APPRECIATED CONTRIBUTIONS

- Water bottles, fruit (bananas, apples), granola bars, trash bags, toilet paper
- Bags to create registration packets you may include your logo on the bags
- Donations directly to the Give A Smile program fund
- Race day volunteers



Thank you! Please contact us below if you are interested!

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