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Improving Smiles

Clinic Director, Ken Snyder, Honored for his Focus on Community Healthcare

For the last 10 years, Dr. Ken Snyder's passion has been to provide dental services to the working poor. On Friday, Feb. 9, A.T. Still University will honor him for his achievements during the Fifth Annual Crystal Awards. The awards recognize individuals, businesses and organizations with a "focus on community and healthcare excellence." Snyder, a graduate of University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, works as the director of St. Vincent de Paul's dental clinic. He is a skilled dentist, with a special talent for comforting his pint-sized patients who come with more than a little anxiety about their first visit. His kind voice, silly jokes and friendly smile are reassuring to the students of the Alhambra School District, who visit St. Vincent de Paul's clinic for treatment under the recommendation of supportive school staff. Many of the students arrive with very serious oral health issues. Within a number of visits, the students leave with a new smile and a better understanding of how to prevent some of the painful problems they were experiencing. In addition to his specialty in children's dentistry, Snyder works with young people who are considering a career in the field and mentors dental students through internships at the clinic.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, medical/dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms, six thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.