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Lots of smiles and, no doubt, more than a few screams

Little smiles got a little brighter on Feb. 3, when Give Kids a Smile Day was celebrated around the nation, including Long Island. The 10th annual event, which provides free dental services to underserved children, was sponsored by the American Dental Association and Melville-based Henry Schein Inc., which kicked off the event by opening the NASDAQ Stock Market.

Nationwide, more than 400,000 children were serviced, according to Henry Schein, a distributor of dental products that partnered with 29 of its suppliers on the charitable event. Nearly 40,000 dental team members, including more than 10,000 dentists, volunteered their time at 1,600 locations, including Stony Brook University, Farmingdale State College and the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City. Local sponsors for the latter site included Westbury-based NEFCU, which estimated that more than 1,700 children received services there.

Over the past decade, Henry Schein and its partners have donated more than \$11 million in products and services to the program. "Each year, we marvel at the commitment and dedication of every segment of the dental community in this quintessential example of the power of public-private partnership," Stanley M. Bergman, chairman and CEO of Henry Schein, said in a statement.

