First-of-its-kind youth outreach program to offer free basic dental care to children of non-insured families in Dutchess County, NY for many local children, this may represent their first opportunity to receive treatment from a professional dental staff, and for parents, a chance to provide their children with much needed dental care. This community service is the first of a series of dental outreach events planned by the Kaitlin M. Stier, Smile For Life Foundation, a not-for-profit entity being established to promote the dental well-being of children in Dutchess County, NY. "By introducing these children to basic dental care at no cost, it is the hope of those involved with the foundation that it will be the start of a lifetime of good oral health for them" says Kaitlin Stier, a dental professional and leader of the foundation. According to Ms. Stier, the foundation’s roots date back to her years at NYU Dental School, during which time she participated in a number of Pediatric Dental Outreach Programs including one in Columbia County where over one week’s time, some 800 children received basic dental care. It was then she became inspired to dedicate her time, energy and professional abilities to the cause of providing good dental care to less fortunate children. Arlington Dental Associates has been selected as the provider of these free dental services available to children up to the age of 16 whose parents have no insurance coverage. Service will include an exam with the Dentist, diagnostic X-rays, a full oral health assessment, a basic cleaning, and fluoride treatment for each youngster. These new patients will also receive an assortment of tooth brushes, toothpaste and other items, along with educational materials that will help them practice good oral health. This one-day event is scheduled for April 28, 2012, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 pm at Arlington Dental Associates/ 876 Dutchess Turnpike/ Rt.44/ Poughkeepsie NY/ 12603. Quite a large turnout is expected and spaces are limited. It is advised to call well ahead of time to reserve an appointment. For more information, please contact: Karen Odell @ Arlington Dental Associates (845) 454-7023 www.dutchessdentists.com

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