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## It's Spring! We Extend Our SINCERE THANKS and Best Wishes to Our Dedicated Supporters.

Yes, the COVID pandemic has significantly challenged all of us. For RSS, school closures greatly complicated our service delivery model. We “pivoted” and found alternatives. We had to furlough staff. They rallied when needed and we carried on. Ultimately, we’re now in a good place, planning for eventual “Back-to-School” and a successful future. We are prepared to be very busy in the coming months to help the kids that we couldn’t serve during the pandemic.



**During this pandemic school - year we still served over 400 children!  
And you have been incredibly generous!**

You might be interested in a March, 2021 article in the Journal of the American Dental Association: Longitudinal Caries Prevalence in a Comprehensive, Multicomponent, School-based Prevention Program.

This article reviews data from the first school-based dental program established by Dr. Richard Niederman, a distinguished professor and epidemiologist who serves as the Co-Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Quality-improvement Evidence-based Dentistry.

The authors conducted a 6-year prospective open cohort study in 33 US public elementary schools

providing care to over 6000 children in communities with & without Fluoridation.

Conclusions and Practical Implications: This school-based comprehensive caries prevention program was associated with substantial reductions in children’s untreated caries (50%), supporting the concept community-based aerosol-free care.

You will be very proud to know that Dr. Niederman is our valued advisor who guided us in the founding of RSS. With this program, we have developed a dental home that is without walls, in the community and serving the children who otherwise would have no access to dental care.

### **You make all of this possible!**

**Please help us to continue to improve the lives of Minneapolis area children.  
You may donate online at [ReadySetSmile.org](http://ReadySetSmile.org)  
or use the enclosed envelope to send us your check.**

Stay safe, well, and hopeful.

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