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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure to write a letter in support of UWO Schulich Dentistry's *Oral Health, Total Health* (OHTH) chapter. This program which is designed to improve the oral health of children and adults with special needs is managed entirely by dental students, including all fundraising activities. OHTH illustrates the need to educate current and future dental students on the benefits of including patients with special needs into their practices.

In April 2010, Schulich Dentistry's OHTH chapter hosted its first *Sharing Smiles Day*, a fun-filled day that provides oral hygiene instruction and the opportunity for students to develop relationships with participants. To say the day was a success is an understatement. The professional ethics and social responsibility we instill in our students was exemplified on this day, and I could not have been more proud of our dental students, especially our two organizers, Jeremy McCallum and Juliana Birek.

I am proud that our students are taking an advocacy role while in dental school and that they have the passion to address the needs for our most vulnerable populations.

OHTH has my highest recommendation for support.

Sincerely,

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