

WIHD's Dental Services Program Receives State Award



From left, Dr. Carl Tegtmeier, Board Member of New York State Dental Foundation (NYSDF); Laura Clark Leon, Executive Director of NYSDF and Assistant Executive Director of New York State Dental Association; Dr. Susan Fox, President and CEO of WIHD and Pat Seagriff, Dental Director of WIHD

The Westchester Institute for Human Development has announced that its dental services program for people with disabilities has received two awards from the New York State Dental Foundation.

WIHD is the recipient of a \$5,000 award from the NYSDF's Give Kids a Smile Award program, which recognizes an organization's ability to build, expand or enhance education, access and/or capacity with respect to oral health care for children. In addition to the award, WIHD also received from NYSDF the donation of a portable hand-held NOMAD x-ray unit. The donation was made courtesy of NYSDF's new Equipment Donation Program.

The NOMAD unit, which was provided by Kavo Kerr Group, will be used on WIHD's Dental Van.

"I have worked with a number of leaders at WIHD and am thrilled that we have been able to help the important work they do in providing dental care for people with disabilities," said Laura Clark Leon, executive director of NYSDF, who presented the awards recently at WIHD's headquarters in Valhalla.

"We are very grateful to the New York State Dental Foundation for this generous award and equipment donation, which will further enhance our dental program," said Dr. Susan Fox, president and CEO of WIHD. "We are thankful for our partnership with the NYSDF and your support of our important work to improve the oral health of

individuals with developmental disabilities in the Hudson Valley."

WIHD's dental program provides more than 6,800 dental visits a year to almost 2,300 dental patients at its dental center in Valhalla, which offers a complete range of specialized dental services and ongoing care for people with disabilities. Services are delivered in a state-of-the-art dental suite at WIHD.