



SASA Newsletter 43/2023 – November 2023

### **SASA and SAAPD Outreach Initiative– Give A Smile Back**

On Saturday 18 November, 3 anaesthetists from the Johannesburg area volunteered their morning to assist the South African Association of Paediatric Dentistry (SAAPD) with their “Give a Smile” charitable initiative. Give a Smile back was launched in 2022 and aims to provide *pro bono* dental treatment to 50 children by the end of 2023.

SAAPD provided 3 dentists and Cure Day Hospital Group provided two theatres at their excellent Wilgehuewel Day Hospital. In total, 9 disadvantaged children from various orphanages and homes in the Gauteng Province had dental treatment under anaesthesia. These children ranged in age from 13mo to 16y and some had significant developmental challenges.

All in all, the morning was a great success. SASA would like to thank SAAPD for including us in their initiative and Cure Day Hospitals for making their staff and facility available. Other sponsors include OHASA, Wright Millners, Curaprox and Prime Dental.

Please consider volunteering some of your time for these days when they do come up – a lot of fun was had, and a real difference was made in the lives of children who would struggle to get this level of specialist dental care in the state sector.