

# Ideas for finding free or discounted supplies

To keep costs down for your Give Kids a Smile event, you may want to consider seeking free or discounted supplies. Because the program has a great reputation, vendors may be willing to support your volunteer effort to help low-income children. If you register with the ADA's national program, you may have access to some donated supplies. See details below.

Ask your regular vendors. Consider talking with your regular vendor representatives about supplying free or discounted materials, specifically for your Give Kids a Smile event. If you care to broaden your search beyond your current suppliers, we suggest you refer to the Star of the North exhibitor list. (Please note: Exhibitors have not made any commitment to provide free or discounted supplies and may or may not be able to fulfill requests.)

American Dental Association. Through the generosity of corporate sponsors, dentists participating in the ADA's Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) program from around the country can request free supplies (fulfillment not guaranteed -- quantities are limited), as well as program information, via the Internet. Please keep these tips in mind:

- Dentists or their staff members must register online at <https://www.ada.org/en/public-programs/give-kids-a-smile> **Product requests will be accepted within a specific deadline.** Please become aware of deadlines by visiting the ADA website.
- Once you have successfully registered with the ADA, you will receive e-mail updates from the ADA. If you don't receive e-mails, contact the ADA via e-mail at [gakas@ada.org](mailto:gakas@ada.org) well before the date of your event.
- **The state and national registration processes are separate and distinct. If you register with the MDA, but not the ADA, please do not expect free supply donations from the ADA.**

