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Tonya K. Fuqua, DDS

Dr. Tonya K. Fuqua is a general dentist in private practice in Southlake, Texas, working part-time and managing Fuqua Advanced Dental with her husband, prosthodontist Dr. Steven Fuqua, DDS. Dr. Fuqua received her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas in 1995. She then served four years in the United States Air Force as an active duty dental officer, preventive dentistry officer and manpower disaster team chief. After moving to Fort Worth, Texas in 1998, she quickly became involved in the local dental society and began serving her community. She served as director of the Cook Children's Child Study Center Dental Clinic, treating children with developmental and behavioral disabilities for eight years. She chaired the American Dental Association's Give Kids A Smile program on behalf of the Fort Worth District Dental Society from 2003-2005, and she continues to volunteer her time treating children and adults at health fairs and other dental treatment venues.

In 2003, Dr. Fuqua founded Save a Smile, an innovative, nationally recognized initiative that provides preventive and restorative dental care to children from low-income families. Led by Cook Children's Health Care System, Save a Smile is a school-based grassroots program that connects children to the care they need by recruiting volunteer dentists to provide free exams and treatment. Under Dr. Fuqua's direction, Save a Smile has provided well over \$10 million in comprehensive dental care for over 100,000 thousand children. As Director, Child Oral Health under the Center for Children's Health led by Cook Children's Health Care System, she is over all oral health initiatives.

Dr. Fuqua also works with numerous local community groups on children's oral health issues and serves to lead the Children's Oral Health Coalition, led by Cook Children's. She was instrumental in developing the first fully integrated medical/dental home for the Cook Children's Health Care System. She was appointed as a Trustee on the board of the Texas Health Institute, and she serves on the Tarrant County Leadership Board of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of North Texas. Dr. Fuqua is a member of countless dental, civic and professional business organizations. She is an accomplished public speaker and has received dozens of awards and recognitions for her efforts over the past two decades. Dr. Fuqua is most proud to serve on Keller ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) since the inception, supporting the community in which she loves and has raised her two young girls. The youngest is currently a senior at Keller High School and the oldest is a junior at Texas A&M University.