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AN INTRODUCTION

The foremost goal of Give a Smile™ is to enable ASO orthodontists to give a smile both figuratively and literally to people who are in great need of orthodontic care yet whose financial circumstances prevent them accessing treatment through the private health system.

Each Give a Smile™ Orthodontist has pledged to accept one patient per year from the public health waiting list into their practice. All work that the orthodontist undertakes for this patient will be pro-bono and the patient will be treated with the same high levels of care and respect as all other full fee-paying patients attending the practice.

Give a Smile™ has been developed so that participating orthodontists have the opportunity to spread goodwill in the community by way of volunteering their professional care and compassion – and the reward will be the smile, confidence and self-esteem that they have helped give their patient.

THE LOGISTICS

All participants in Give a Smile™ are volunteers and are involved because they believe in the goodwill of the programme and its benefits.

The programme uses the existing dental health structures in Australia to match Give a Smile™ Orthodontists with patients.

Each state and territory has at least one Give a Smile™ Screener who is responsible for identifying potential Give a Smile™ Patients.

Each state and territory also has a Give a Smile™ Liaison Officer who maintains a list of all Give a Smile™ Orthodontists in their respective region.

The Screener and Liaison Officer then work together to allocate a Give a Smile™ Patient to a Give a Smile™ Orthodontist.

For greater detail of this process, please refer to the Give a Smile™ Charter.

For more information about Give a Smile, visit the website – www.giveasmile.org.au

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