



# Celebrates Our Galaxy of Stars!

Please join us in celebrating ORBIT's 10 years of success, and our vision for children's healthy and happy smiles.

The Oral Health Bridgeport Initiative (ORBIT) is honoring our Oral Health Champions - our state and municipal leaders, dental partners and other community allies.



Tuesday, May 18, 2010  
5:30 – 7:00 pm

North Branch Public Library  
3455 Madison Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Please RSVP by Friday May 7th to Vani Anand or Joan Lane via phone: (203) 372-5503; or via e-mail: vanand@swctahec.org or jlane@swctahec.org.

## ORBIT's Key Accomplishments:

- Increased access to dental services by 356% for HUSKY-enrolled children.
- Provided free dental care valued at \$455,000 to 1,500 uninsured children through Give Kids A Smile®.

Since 2002, ORBIT has been funded under a grant from the Connecticut Health Foundation.

ORBIT is a community oral health coalition whose goal is to improve access to dental care for Bridgeport and Stratford children.

## ORBIT Agencies and Sponsors:

ABCD  
Bridgeport Dental Association  
Bridgeport Health & Social Services Department  
CT Dental Health Partnership

COHI (CT Oral Health Initiative)  
Fones School of Dental Hygiene  
Optimus Health Care  
Southwest Community Health Center  
Southwestern Area Health Education Center (AHEC)  
Stratford Health Department

## Directions to North Branch Library, 3455 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT (203) 576-7003

**MERRITT PARKWAY** (N or S): Exit 47, Park Avenue. Turn left at the end of the exit. At the first traffic light take a left onto Old Town Road. At the next traffic light take a right onto Madison Avenue. At stop sign bear left. Library is on the right just past the Puglio Park playground.

**CONNECTICUT TURNPIKE (I-95)**: Exit 27A, which leads you to the 25-8 Connector. Go to Exit 7, marked "127 Trumbull; 15 South-Merritt Parkway; Norwalk." Drive south on 15 (the Merritt Parkway) to Exit 47. See above directions to the North Branch Library. Total distance from I-95 to Exit 47 is approximately 8 miles.

*ORBIT is a program of Southwestern Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization located in Trumbull, CT. Southwestern AHEC is one of four regional centers within the Connecticut AHEC Program, which is based at the University of Connecticut, School of Medicine in Farmington. Southwestern AHEC's mission is to enhance access to quality primary and preventive healthcare in southwestern Connecticut by linking students, providers and families through education, workforce development and community collaborations.*