



Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.

## **Gingivitis Contributes to Low Birth Weight**

**Local Kiwanis Dedicated to Helping Children by Partnering with Neighborhood Dentists**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Kiwanis International awarded a grant to Columbus Neighborhood Health Center (CNHC) in response to the national studies that have shown that bad dental hygiene can have an adverse affect on pregnancies.

One study showed that women with pregnancy gingivitis are three times more likely to deliver low birth-weight babies and another study found that pregnant women with severe gum disease are up to seven times more likely to deliver significantly prematurely.

“CNHC dentists will be using the grant dollars to provide expectant moms with an Oral-B professional hygiene program combined with information on dental wellness during pregnancy along with case management,” said Dr. Dave Heisel “Kiwanis International’s mission is to serve the children of the world. As dentists, we are dedicated to educating patients, improving their lives and the lives of their children through wellness programs.”

The CNHC primary care network is the largest, fastest growing urban health centers in Ohio and in association with more than 150 community partners will continue to promote and improve access to high-quality, primary care including dental and vision for central Ohio. The five state-of-the-art centers are part of the nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers and a proud member of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and the National Association of Community Health Centers. For more information go to [www.colnhc.org](http://www.colnhc.org).