

Students at Cawood Elementary School will be receiving toothbrushes and toothpaste as part of National Dental Health Month activities at the school. Home Federal Bank Vice President/Market Manager Garry Henson presented a check to Cawood Family Resource and Youth Service Center Director Melissa Owens to fund the purchase of the items for distribution to students.

Owens said that National Children's Dental Health Month is celebrated in February each year.

"It is a month long national health observance to raise awareness about the importance of oral health and promote the development of good dental habits at an early age. The important of getting regular dental check-ups that are beneficial in getting an ideal start in a lifetime of having healthy gums and teeth," said Owens. She noted that oral health plays a crucial role in a child's overall health and wellness.

"In fact, the health of little teeth is more crucial than many people think," she said. "Research has shown that the leading chronic infectious disease in the U.S. among children is tooth decay," she said.

Owens expressed appreciation to Home Federal for assisting with providing these resources for the students at Cawood Elementary.

