Dr. Gary Starr and Dr. Steven Dickens are now giving residents of the Matthews, Mint Hill and Union County another reason to smile by starting a local chapter of the Smile for a Lifetime Foundation.

The mission of Smile for a Lifetime is “to create self-confidence, inspire hope and change the lives of children in a dramatic way.” Their mission is accomplished through partnering with local orthodontists across the nation to provide braces at no cost to disadvantaged children between the ages of ten and eighteen who reside in the above mentioned areas. The children we strive to serve are those who would not otherwise have an opportunity for orthodontic care due to their family income or special circumstances.

Starr & Dickens Orthodontics will strive to award 12 scholarships annually to recipients selected by a local board consisting of diverse community leaders. The board will review applications on a quarterly basis.

Dr. Starr, Dr. Dickens and their team are pleased to have the opportunity to serve their community by becoming a member of this generous foundation, and at the same time to realize their dream of serving local children who are in need of orthodontic assistance.

The Smile for a Lifetime guidelines and application can be found at:

www.starrdickensortho.com/smile-for-a-lifetime.php