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Pediatric dental practice rewards candy donations

With Halloween right around the corner, we're all busy getting our kids' costumes ready and making sure to have plenty of treats ready to go. Thinking about what we're going to do with all those piles of candy after Halloween isn't necessarily on most people's minds.

But local pediatric dentist Dr. Eli Rachlin has a great program to encourage kids to turn all of that excess candy into something good.

Rachlin and the team at Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental are once again collecting excess Halloween candy and donating it with a fun and creative twist. Every child who brings in his or her extra candy gets a special prize, and the candy gets distributed to soldiers, vets, and food pantries, through the American Legion of Westwood.

Additionally, Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental donates \$5 per pound collected to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

Last year, Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental collected more than 28 pounds of candy, and donated \$150 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey, in honor of all the kids who generously donated their extra candy.

"This gives all of these great kids who who shared their candy feel a part of something bigger," Dr. Rachlin explained.

The dental practice, in Woodcliff Lake since 2007, aims to col-



DR. ELI AND Matthew Truskowski, 7, who donated Halloween candy last year.

lect even more candy this year. If you'd like your child to participate, stop by during office hours during the week after Halloween.

Of course, everybody's welcome to come by and donate sweets and get a prize, whether or

not they are Dr. Rachlin's patients.

Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental is at 595 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 5, Woodcliff Lake. For more information call (201) 391-4441.