BERGEN’S TOOTH FAIRY

It’s hard to imagine a place where something as basic as a toothbrush can be a rare commodity. But in many impoverished countries, young people suffer from the effects of poor dental care and education. Jamie Diament-Golub, D.M.D., a pediatric dentist with practices in Fort Lee and Westwood, strives to change that. Through the organizations Kids’ International Dental Services and HealthCare International, Dr. Diament-Golub travels globally to provide children with free dental care. So far this year, she has visited Jamaica, Guatemala and Cambodia, where she examines kids’ teeth, does extractions and distributes toothbrushes and toothpaste. “I go to areas where there’s no tourism or public transportation, and I see 3-year-olds with abscesses,” says Dr. Diamont-Golub. In Cambodia we only treat orphan kids, so not only are they in pain, but they also don’t have parents to advocate for them.” To find out how you can help, visit kidservices.org and hcioutreach.com.