



A Day of Service at St. Vincent de Paul



347
Meals served

124
Dental screenings

Every year, CEO Serve Day gives our team a chance to step away from our usual work and show up where help is needed most. This year, that meant spending the afternoon at St. Vincent de Paul, an organization that has supported Arizona families by providing food, shelter and basic needs for years.

Our team spent their time serving hundreds of meals, helping families with dental clinic sign-ups and oral screenings. A big thank you to our partner Arizona PBS for donating tablets loaded with educational software for children to use in the Dream Center.

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POP QUIZ!

True or False?
Flossing is the single most important thing you can do for the health of your mouth.

Scroll for the answer.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Expert Voices: Food Insecurity

More than 1.1 million Arizonans are experiencing food insecurity, including over 327,000 children. For many families, that means having to choose less healthy food, buying less than planned or deciding something can wait until next week.

At a recent Expert Voices event, anti-hunger advocates, food bank leaders and community partners came together to talk about why that number keeps climbing and growing pressures on food banks already stretched thin.

Food insecurity is just one of many topics our Expert Voices series digs into. Stay tuned for our next conversation on November 4, where we will discuss increasing access to healthcare for special needs populations.

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A Win-Win Donation

Did you know 100% of your donation to the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation goes directly to oral health, food insecurity and vision programs across the state, with nothing spent on overhead or administrative costs?

If you're an Arizona taxpayer, your gift could come back to you too. Through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit program, your donation could be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state return.

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DEMENTIA ECHO

Registration Opens Up for New Cohort

Nearly 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, and that number is expected to grow. Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation has partnered with the Banner Alzheimer's Institute to include dental professionals in the Dementia ECHO program. This vital educational program equips dental and medical professionals with the knowledge and tools to care for patients living with dementia.

The upcoming cohort delivers that training over 12 weeks, with one-hour sessions every Wednesday. Each session is split between didactic learning and de-identified patient cases.

[Register Now](#)



Dental Home Days

Dental Home Days is a program facilitated and supported by local nonprofits to provide free dental care for the most in need in our community. Patients are nominated to participate in the program by health centers and nonprofits across Arizona to receive up to one year of free dental services. The goal of the program is for patients to have a healthy mouth and to continue preventive care at a dental home.



The program kicked off on September 26, with 75 patients seen by alumni, students and volunteer dentists at A.T. Still University's dental clinic.

Organizations collaborating on this project so far include: Arizona Dental Association, Arizona Dept. of Health, Arizona Oral Health Coalition, A.T. Still University, BHHS Legacy Foundation and Delta Dental of Arizona.



GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Tooth B.U.D.D.S.

We're proud to support Tooth B.U.D.D.S. in making dental care part of the school day for kids in Graham and Greenlee counties. Through free cleanings, sealants and fluoride treatments paired with hands-on oral health education, students get the care they need without ever leaving the classroom. This year, the program is expanding to include students at Dine' College on the Navajo Nation.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Oral Health Cancer Walk

This walk started with one dentist and a group of dental students who wanted to make a difference. On October 17, 81 Delta Dental of Arizona employees and their families walked in the Arizona Oral Cancer Walk, which has grown into a community wide effort to support early detection and raise awareness about oral cancer. We're proud to sponsor the event and to have walked alongside these advocates.

POP QUIZ!

Answer: Half true
The friction created by floss rubbing against your tooth removes plaque between your teeth more thoroughly than brushing alone, but it's important to do both!

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