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Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation Newsletter



Corina Garcia and Candace Clausen of El Rio Community Health Center with DDAZF board member Felix Durazo

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS:

- A.T. Still University - Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
- Arizona Science Center
- Back to School Clothing Drive
- Bagdad Unified School District
- Boys & Girls Club of the Colorado River
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix
- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Chicanos por la Causa
- Coconino County Public Health Services District
- Community Dental Foundation
- Compassion Queen Creek
- Desert Mission, Inc.
- El Rio Community Health Center
- Homeward Bound
- HopeFest Tucson
- International Rescue Committee
- La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council
- Legacy Foundation Chris-Town YMCA
- Maggie's Place
- Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders, Advocates & Resources
- Mariposa Community Health Center
- Midwestern University
- Mohave Community College Dental Programs
- Native Health
- Navajo County Public Health Services District
- North Country Healthcare
- Northern Arizona University Department of Dental Hygiene
- Overgaard Ponderosa Lions Foundation
- River Cities United Way
- Sells Indian Health Service Dental Hospital
- Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center
- Southwest Human Development
- St. Vincent de Paul - Virginia G. Piper Medical & Dental Clinic
- The University of Arizona – Mobile Health Program
- Valle del Sol
- Verde Valley Medical Center

DELTA DENTAL OF ARIZONA FOUNDATION AWARDS \$450,000 IN DENTAL GRANTS

The Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation is proud to award 37 Arizona organizations with more than \$450,000 in grants. That's more than we've awarded in a single year during the Foundation's history and with good reason: Each organization is making a tremendous impact on the community it serves, specifically when it comes to the oral health of Arizona's children.

Grant recipients were honored during a special luncheon at the Phoenix Zoo on February 20. Grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$15,000 and support a broad range of preventive services, from creating an oral health themed Family Science Night program at the Arizona Science Center to providing essential dental equipment to purchasing oral care for children at Indian Health Services' Sells Dental Hospital in Tucson.



Paul LaVoie and Teri Tomlinson of Boys & Girls Club of Colorado River with Tracy Gift and Robbi Baleno of Mohave Community College partner to provide preventive services and education to members ages 6-18.



Ashley Wood and Anthony Wood of River Cities United Way with DDAZF board member Kathy LaVoy.

Anthony helps to assemble smile bags for River Cities United Way's Kids Bright & Healthy Program that provides exams, X-rays and sealants for children in grades K-12.



Donna Harris, Treasurer, Overgaard Ponderosa Lions Club

CHECK US OUT ON YOUTUBE

We are honored to support the work our grants recipients do to advance the oral health of Arizona children.

Visit www.youtube.com/deltadentalaz to hear some of the organizations talk about the impact our funding has on their communities.

DDAZ FOUNDATION CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month in February, the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation partnered with the Children's Museum of Phoenix to teach good oral health habits to children.

During the month-long celebration, the Museum hosted daily interactive activities related to the mouth, teeth and oral health. Activities included story time with dental related books; puppet shows by Sarabelle Toothington, the Tooth Fairy; and tooth-themed arts and craft projects. Smile Bags featuring toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and fun facts about dental health were also distributed to Museum visitors.

"We were thrilled to partner with the Children's Museum of Phoenix to share with families the importance of learning good oral health habits at a young age to ensure a lifetime of healthy smiles," said Sandi Perez, Ph.D., vice president of communications and community benefit for Delta Dental of Arizona.



2013 marks the fifth year that the Foundation sponsored Dental Health Month at the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

- 24,486 VISITORS
- 39 TOOTH FAIRY SHOWS
- 12,572 SMILE BAGS
- 25,780 TOOTHPASTE TUBES
- 30,483 DENTAL FLOSSES
- 34,005 TOOTHBRUSHES

ARIZONA ORAL HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS



50% of kindergartners in Arizona have untreated tooth decay

38% of children don't have dental insurance



75% of 3rd graders in Arizona have had a cavity



47% of children ages 2 to 4 have visited a dentist in the past year

44% of adults living in Arizona don't have dental insurance

43% of people don't have access to fluoridated water

Arizona is ranked 38th nationwide for distribution of fluoridated water

Sources: Arizona Department of Health Services, "Arizona Oral Health Update," May 2000; Populations receiving optimally fluoridated public drinking water - United States, 1992-2006. MMWR 2008; 57(27):737-741.; Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2009; National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Promoting Awareness, Preventing Pain: Facts on Early Childhood Caries (ECC) [fact sheet], 2004.

DELTA DENTAL OF ARIZONA FOUNDATION

In December, the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation teamed up with Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy to surprise eight organizations across the state with a very special holiday gift: state-of-the-art dental equipment.

All of the recipients were 2012 Foundation grant recipients whose work serving the underprivileged is well-known and respected in within the oral health community. They include:

- Desert Mission Children's Dental Clinic
- Dignity Health Children's Dental Clinic
- St. Vincent de Paul Virginia G. Piper Medical & Dental Clinic
- Homeward Bound - Tooth Town Clinic
- Midwestern University
- Native Health Center Dental Clinic
- Northern Arizona University's Department of Dental Hygiene, Dental Clinic
- The Legacy Foundation Christown YMCA Dental Clinic



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CHIP IN AND PLAY IN THE GOLF4SMILES TOURNAMENT AT GRAYHAWK

Tooth decay is the no. 1 chronic disease in children—it’s five times more prevalent than asthma—and experts estimate that more than 50% of children will have some tooth decay by age 5. Thankfully, tooth decay is almost 100% preventable.

That’s where you come in. By participating in the Golf4Smiles Tournament, you’re helping the Foundation fund programs for dental screenings, sealants, fluoride varnish applications, dental supply distribution and oral health instruction for children and youth across the state. Such programs have the potential to nearly eliminate tooth decay in school-age children.

“Your participation and support matter. With just one \$400 entry, eight uninsured students will receive dental screenings and sealants,” said Ashlee Hackney, fundraising associate for the Foundation. “Become a sponsor and help us exceed our fundraising goal of \$100,000, all of which will directly support children’s dental programs across Arizona.”

The Golf4Smiles Tournament is May 10 at the award-winning Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale. Golfers can choose to play in a 2-man scramble on the Raptor course or 4-man scramble on the Talon course. The cost for individual players is \$400 and a foursome is \$1,600. For complete details or to register, visit www.Golf4Smiles.org.



FOUNDATION SURPRISES EIGHT NONPROFITS WITH DENTAL EQUIPMENT



Employees from Delta Dental of Arizona, the Foundation and Henry Schein surprise St. Vincent de Paul staff with Dexis sensors and a laptop.
 Front row: Amanda Claus, Rebecca Kenyon, Sandi Perez, Steve Zabalski, Thomas Lavin, Allan Allford
 Middle: Emily Adams, Tiffany DiGiacinto, Sarabelle the Tooth Fairy
 Back row: Janice Ertl, Dr. Ken Snyder, Megan Vrooman, Amanda Jones, Ashlee Hackney

“Safety net clinics in our state are challenged when budgeting for big-ticket equipment items like nitrous systems, Cavitrons and digital X-ray sensors and, in many cases, making these purchases may take years of planning and fundraising. These donations allow the organizations to increase their service capacity and spend their time and expertise on providing quality patient care instead of repairs and upgrades,” said Sandi Perez, vice president of communications and community benefit for Delta Dental of Arizona.

Valued at nearly \$100,000, the equipment will streamline operations, increase the number of patients served and move several of the organizations into the digital dental environment.

Special thanks go to Keith Gauzza, Foundation Board member and business development manager at Henry Schein Dental, who negotiated the purchase, delivery and installation of the equipment. Thanks also to Jon Blasdell from Accutron, Inc. for the donation of a nitrous system to Homeward Bound.

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Friday, May 10, 2013
Grayhawk Golf Club

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