

## GRANTS SUPPORT AZ PROGRAMS

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation has a rich history of community giving. At this year's annual Grants Award Luncheon, that tradition continued as \$455,169 was awarded to 26 organizations across the state.

Arizona non-profit organizations were invited to apply for funds to support programs that provide oral health educational outreach and preventive services to their communities.

"The Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to be able to award grants to such committed and worthwhile organizations in the oral health field," said Sandi Perez, PhD, vice president of communications and community benefit for DDAZF.

One such organization is Homeward Bound, a Phoenix-based program that assists qualifying families with housing, employment services, child care, medical referrals and basic life skills to break the multi-generational cycle of crisis and aspire to a life of economic independence and safety.

DDAZF awarded Homeward Bound a grant of \$25,000 to assist their dental clinic in reaching their goal of teaching families proper dental hygiene and providing quarterly oral health services to every child in the Homeward Bound program. Services

**\$455,169**

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DDAZF board member Rebecca Kenyon (left) presents a grant to Homeward Bound reps.



Sandi Perez, PhD, welcomes grantees at the luncheon.



Dr. Ken Snyder (left) of St. Vincent de Paul's dental clinic and Dr. Kris Volchek of CASS dental clinic catch up at the Grants Award Luncheon on Feb. 14 at the Phoenix Zoo. PHOTOS BY TARA NICHOLS

include exams, fluoride applications, cleanings, x-rays and sealants, as well as oral health education, cleaning instructions and healthy eating suggestions.

DDAZF's 2014 grant process opens in June, when applications will be available for the 2015 awards. Check [deltadentalaz.com/foundation](http://deltadentalaz.com/foundation) for more information.

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# CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH



ABOVE: Dr. Tim Wilson, Affiliated Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, talks to the Young family about their daughter's developing mouth at "From First Tooth to Loose Tooth," a DDAZF-sponsored program held at the Children's Museum of Phoenix in honor of Children's Dental Health Month. BELOW: Children show off tooth fairy wand toothbrushes that they made at the event.

## 'First Tooth' program helps spread smiles



Though the Foundation promotes good oral health all year long, one month is particularly special for young teeth. February is Children's Dental Health Month, and this year DDAZF marked it with a month-long celebration at the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

The museum hosted daily events and activities to promote good oral health habits to kids and parents. Programs focused on education and fun, such as "From First Tooth to Loose Tooth," which gave parents the opportunity to ask Foundation board member Dr. Tim Wilson and Dr. Danielle Masserman questions about anything from overbites to thumb-sucking, while kids made tooth fairy wands out of toothbrushes donated by Colgate.

Visitors left the museum with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and hopefully a better understanding of healthy oral health practices.



### TOOTH FAIRY ENCHANTS AUDIENCES ALL MONTH LONG



February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and once again, Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation sponsored 24 popular tooth fairy appearances at the Children's Museum of Phoenix. Sarabelle delivered shows that included a "Bitesize Bucky Battles Dragonbreath" puppet show, age-appropriate oral health facts and sing-along tooth brushing tips. It's always a memorable experience to see Sarabelle!

Sarabelle Tothington performs for elementary school children.



# PAR FOR THE CAUSE

## Annual Golf4Smiles Tournament to raise money for DDAZF

The 9th Annual Golf4Smiles Tournament will be held at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale on Friday, May 16, 2014. The event will feature a variety of contests and activities to suit every caliber of golfer, from putt-putt champions to budding pros.

All funds raised by the tournament for DDAZF will help promote oral health and prevent dental disease in Arizona.

Book your foursome at [golf4smiles.org](http://golf4smiles.org) or contact Barb Kozuh, 602-588-3935 or [bkozuh@deltadentalaz.com](mailto:bkozuh@deltadentalaz.com).



## HOLE IN ONE FOR DDAZF

The Waste Management Phoenix Open, hosted by the Phoenix Thunderbirds, is the "Greatest Show on Grass." Phoenix Thunderbirds Charities, the non-profit arm of the Phoenix Thunderbirds, manages the Birdies for Charity fundraising program through which people are encouraged to make pledges toward the number of birdies that are shot by the PGA pros during the Phoenix Open.

## Arizona Working-Poor Tax Credit program

### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$25,450**  
total donations

**72** total donors

**21** new donors in 2013

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation participates each year in the Arizona Working Poor Tax Credit program, which allows donors who make a \$400\* gift to the Foundation to receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Arizona state income tax bill. The program benefits both donors and nonprofits, by providing an additional incentive to traditional giving.

In 2013, DDAZF saw a 12.5% increase in the number of donors to the program. In total, 72 different donors contributed \$25,450 to the Foundation. Thank you all for your continued support of DDAZF's mission to improve oral health in Arizona. It's a win-win program for everyone.

\*Married couple, filing jointly

**\$103,439.42**

**PLEGGED ON BEHALF OF DELTA DENTAL OF ARIZONA FOUNDATION**

Donors can direct the funds to any qualifying nonprofit. Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation has been a qualifying donor for the last three years.

This year, \$103,439.42 was pledged to Birdies for Charity on behalf of Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation, which is the largest amount ever pledged to DDAZF in the Birdies for Charity program. It was also the second-highest amount pledged to the entire Birdies for Charity program this year, which earned DDAZF a coveted table in Expo Village on one day during tournament week. DDAZF representatives distributed toothbrushes and oral health information to the tens of thousands of people in attendance that day.

**DDAZF is very appreciative of your pledges and donations.**



## LET'S TALK TEETH

Speak up, mouth off, say what's on your mind.  
It's time to make oral health a priority in Arizona.  
Let's talk teeth. Join the conversation today.

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FOURSOME  
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**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014  
GRAYHAWK GOLF CLUB  
GOLF4SMILES.ORG**

## JOIN THE NO CHEW CREW!

Delta Dental of Arizona and the Arizona Diamondbacks have teamed up to present the No Chew Crew, a unique club to educate young fans about the dangers of spit tobacco. Kids who join the No Chew Crew receive a free ticket to every Sunday home game and a free toothbrush.

The Diamondbacks also hold a Sunday Slugger show on select Sunday home games geared toward children to highlight healthy habits including proper oral hygiene, good food choices and the dangers of spit tobacco. Bobby Freeman, Baxter and a D-Backs player are featured at each show. We hope you'll join us for some kid-sized fun and games, along with healthy messaging at the Sunday Slugger Show.

**Sign up at the D-Backs Kid's Club Headquarters in the Sandlot at Chase Field or online at [www.dbacks.com/nochewcrew](http://www.dbacks.com/nochewcrew).**



## FLAGSTAFF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COLLABORATIVE

In an outreach effort to support more oral health programs in northern Arizona, Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation has joined forces with the Flagstaff Community Foundation (FCF). FCF mobilizes philanthropy for the benefit of rural towns throughout northern Arizona and will collaborate with DDAZF to reach organizations that may not be aware of the Foundation's grant opportunities.

FCF will seek qualified non-profits in northern Arizona that match DDAZF's mission and ensure that the programs meet grant requirements. In addition, FCF provides workshops to help organizations prepare grant applications. The first training workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 4 at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

**For more information, go to [flagstafffoundation.org](http://flagstafffoundation.org), call 928-526-1956.**