

# Missouri Dental Association Foundation

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**About the MDA Foundation:** The MDA Foundation (MDAF) is the charitable arm of the Missouri Dental Association working to create better oral health for Missourians through educational programs, access-to-care initiatives and community collaborations. Its vision is "Improving Missouri Smiles."

**Officers and Board Members:** Current officers of the Board are Dr. David Neal, Chair; Dr. Bryan Foote, Vice Chair; and, Dr. Lynne Barbour, Secretary-Treasurer. The following Board members have expiring terms in 2016, but have agreed to serve another three year term: Drs. Bryan Foote, Cheryl Haley, Danielle Riordan and William Seaton; and, Mr. Ryan Swift. We would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Elwood Rice for his three, one-year terms as Foundation Chair. His leadership is appreciated. Dr. Rice will continue his current term as a member of the board. We welcome Drs. David Neal and Bryan Foote to their first, one-year terms as Foundation Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

## **MDA Foundation Programs Disaster**

**Assistance:** After the Joplin tornado in 2011, a special disaster fund was established by the Foundation. Law requires that we keep a balance in that fund for future disasters. Thankfully, there have been no disasters in Missouri this year. In September 2016, the MDAF Board approved a \$2,500 donation to assist the Louisiana Dental Association with flood relief. This donation was matched by a \$2,500 gift from the MDA. After this gift the

current fund balance is \$3,759. The MDAF Board is proud of the generosity of MDA members and is proud to oversee the disaster relief fund as a source of financial assistance for colleagues in need.

**Scholarships:** Education is a primary focus for the MDA Foundation and as such, the long-standing Dental Scholarship Program continued in 2016. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the MDAF awarded three \$5,000 dental scholarships. In an effort to award scholarships to students who are more likely to stay in Missouri after graduation, the scholarship criteria requires all applicants to have been a resident of Missouri for a minimum of five years and be a graduate from a Missouri high school. This year a total of 22 eligible applications were received from both UMKC School of Dentistry and the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health (MOSDOH). This year for the first time two Foundation scholarships were awarded to two MOSDOH students. Below are the dental scholarship recipients along with the high school from which they graduated.

## Dental Scholarship Recipients

- Isaac Dains (Appleton City High, Appleton City)
- Joshua Coffey (St. Charles West High School, St. Charles)
- Mega Sparks (Parkway North High School, St. Louis)

Since 1999, the MDA Foundation has awarded \$228,750 in dental and dental hygiene

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scholarships to students in Missouri. The MDAF Board and staff continue to work very hard to promote the scholarship program. Applications will be available in January 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year. Additionally, the Board-approved scholarship funds to support Missouri residents who seek certification in the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) program currently offered online. This year the MDA gave money toward supporting two enrollees. Moving forward, the MDA Foundation will determine application and award requirements as they administer the funds. All applicants will need to be an MDA associate member.

## **Missouri Mission of Mercy (MOMOM):**

Increasing access to care is a primary goal of the Foundation, and MOMOM has become the main vehicle for addressing this issue. The first MOMOM was in Springfield, September 23-24, 2011. The second MOMOM was in Cape Girardeau, May 3-4, 2013. The third MOMOM was in St. Louis, May 2-3, 2014. The fourth MOMOM was in Columbia, July 31-August 1, 2015. This year, the fifth clinic was in Independence, August 12-13 and was co-chaired by Drs. Merle Nunemaker and Jeremy Bowen. They and the local leadership team did a wonderful job, and the clinic was a great success. Between the five MOMOMs, 8,485 patients have received treatment totaling \$4,883,851 in value. Plus, more than 5,300 total volunteers have given their time to make the clinics successful.

The next MOMOM will be June 9-10, 2017 in Joplin. Drs. Mike LaFerla and Robert Renger are co-chairing the clinic. The most critical need is for volunteer dental professionals. Please consider you and your staff giving time to this amazing event that helps so many. Watch for announcements and volunteer registration online at [www.MOMOM.org](http://www.MOMOM.org).

The MOMOM strategy is growing. To keep up with the specifics, please refer to the MOMOM details immediately following this report.

**Supplies & Brochure Donations:** The MDA Foundation continues to support various projects and programs by donating oral health supplies and education brochures. The MDAF attempts to

honor all requests for donations, but places special emphasis on programs for low income or underserved groups that may not have access to supplies and brochures through other means. Through August of 2016, 25 requests had been filled. Contact Paul Roberts at [paul@modentalmail.org](mailto:paul@modentalmail.org) for information or an application for supplies and brochure donations.

**Grant Program:** The MDAF oversees an official annual grant program with established deadline of July 15. A minimum of \$3,500 is to be budgeted each year to help fund qualified applicants. The 2016 grant budget was \$6,000. In 2016, the grant program received nine applications totaling more than \$33,700 in requested funds. In 2016, the Board awarded \$5,870 to five programs:

- *Cass Community Health Foundation* - \$750 for oral hygiene supplies and education materials to support the *Smiles from the Start* dental health literacy program geared toward caregivers of low income children 0-2 years of age.
- *Children's Smile Center* - \$1,100 to support their elementary school screening program in 23 area schools.
- *Buchanan County Dental Care Program* - \$1,520 toward the purchase of a new Cavitron Ultrasonic Scaler to use in their low-income clinic.
- *Good Samaritan Care Clinic* - \$1,000 to help purchase supplies and equipment for their volunteer run clinic serving some of the poorest counties in the state.
- *Miles of Smiles* - \$1,500 to help purchase supplies for treating low-income school age children living in Clay and Platte counties.

With the high number of applicants and the demonstrated need for more support, the Board looks forward to continuing to grow its grant program to help fulfill its vision of "Improving Missouri Smiles."

## **MDA Foundation Funding through MDA**

**Dues Statements:** The MDA Foundation's largest source of revenue continues to be through the annual MDA dues statements. A \$125 donation to the Foundation was a voluntary option included on the 2016 MDA dues statements, from which the Foundation raised approximately \$29,829. To help the MDAF to

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continue its programs and to develop new programs, we urge you to remember the MDA Foundation when paying your 2017 dues. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Memorial & In Honor Gifts:** A great way to give to the MDAF while remembering friends or loved ones who have passed is through a *Memorial Contribution*. The MDAF also offers you the opportunity to recognize a birthday, anniversary or special accomplishment through an *In Honor Gift* to the Foundation. The MDAF will send acknowledgement to the person being honored or to the family of those being remembered. To utilize this program, visit [www.modental.org/foundation](http://www.modental.org/foundation).

**Endowment:** The Foundation has established an endowment with an initial amount of \$100,000. The endowment is another resource for donors to ensure the long-term financial health of the Foundation and to allow for memorial gifts. To learn more about how you can participate, please contact Denise Lehmen at the MDA at [denise@modentalmail.org](mailto:denise@modentalmail.org).

**Special Solicitation Efforts:** After foregoing a member solicitation in 2014, the Foundation conducted a member solicitation in the fall of 2015. The focus was to bolster the grant program funding. More than 2,000 letters were mailed. Net profits were about \$1,600 and were added to the 2016 grant budget.

**I Heart Dental Charities Fundraiser:** On October 29, 2015 at the Mid-Continent Dental Congress (MCDC) in St. Louis the second annual *I Heart Dental Charities Raffle* was held, which is a joint fundraising and awareness campaign for the MDA Foundation, Missouri Dental Well Being Foundation and Delta Dental Health Theater (DDHT). This effort, featuring great prizes, evolved from the Mouse Race and Game Night format used in 2012 and 2013. The raffle allows for greater exposure via an online presence, and has less overhead expenses. Tickets were sold online and at the MCDC before drawing the winners during a crowded happy hour at MCDC. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and all who bought tickets, more than \$12,000 was raised and evenly distributed among the MDAF, the DWBF and DDHT. This is the best result in the four years of the joint fundraiser program.

The third annual *I Heart Dental Charities Raffle* will be held Thursday, November 10, 2016 with the grand prize drawing at MCDC. To find out more or to support the event with a donation, sponsorship, or in-kind gift, visit [www.modental.org/iheartraffle](http://www.modental.org/iheartraffle).

**Miscellaneous Donations:** You need not wait for your dues statement, a fundraiser or a solicitation in your mailbox. Many members and organizations periodically donate to the MDAF—some on a monthly basis. At the writing of this report, MDAF has received \$2,675 in miscellaneous donations including \$1,000 from monthly pledges, a \$1,000 gift for the endowment, and \$675 in collective donations from MDA members. In addition, the Clay-Platte Study Club in Kansas City disbanded this year and donated its reserve funds totaling \$4,100. If you would like to donate, contact Paul Roberts at the MDA or download a donation form at [www.modental.org/foundation](http://www.modental.org/foundation).

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