

MDA *Improving Missouri Smiles* FOUNDATION



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The **Missouri Dental Association Foundation (MDAF)** is one of two non-profit subsidiaries of the **Missouri Dental Association (MDA)**. Founded in 1977, the MDAF is supported primarily from member donations. All donations are tax-deductible. *The Missouri Mission of Mercy is funded separately.* As the charitable arm of the MDA, the vision of the MDAF is Improving Missouri Smiles. The mission is to create better oral health for Missourians through educational programs, access-to-care initiatives and community collaborations. *Visit our website for more information.*

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dental Scholarships

- Established in 1999
- 75 dental student recipients have received a grand total \$201,000 in scholarship assistance
- Currently we award three scholarships of \$5,000 each to Missouri grown dental students

Children's Dental Health Month

- Support outreach efforts during February each year

Resource Materials

- Stop the Pop, Start Right
 - Made available to members, non-members and the public

ACCESS-TO-CARE INITIATIVES

Missouri Mission of Mercy

- 5 events since 2011 have provided more than \$4.8 million in free care to 8,485 patients while enlisting more than 5,300 volunteers
- The next clinic is scheduled for June 9-10, 2017 in Joplin, MO

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Grant Program

- Established in 2012 to assist community based dental outreach efforts in Missouri
- To date we have awarded 19 grants totaling \$19,597

Special Projects

- Points of Light - A program which strives to connect 1-year-old infants with a dental home by creating a collaborative community between pediatricians and family practitioners and pediatric or general dentists willing to perform oral examinations
- DHSS Back to School dental supplies
- Women, Infant, and Children Programs "Healthy Smiles from the Start" Initiative
- Healthy Kids Day collaboration with YMCA's

Supply Request Fulfillment

- Provide paste and brush to back to school and community outreach events

Disaster Relief Fund

- Established in 2011 when 25 dentists lost their practices in the Joplin Tornado

Please consider supporting the Foundation by using the online donation form at:

www.MODENTAL.org/Foundation