

# 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:** Officers of the Board for 2018 were: Dr. David Neal, Chair; Dr. Bryan Foote, Vice Chair; and, Dr. William Seaton, Secretary-Treasurer. Several long-standing board members are passing the baton this year. Drs. Joel Pratt (13 years), David Neal (7 years), Cheryl Haley (7 years) and William Seaton (4 years), and public member, Al Martinez (13 years) have completed their terms on the board. We thank each of them for their service and longtime dedication to the MDA Foundation. Dr. Aaron Cregger was approved as a new board member by the MDA Board of Trustees at its August meeting, and at least three more new board members will be approved in the coming months. Newly elected officers for 2019 Drs. Danielle Riordan, Chair; Bryan Foote, Vice Chair; and, Darren Mahaffey, Secretary-Treasurer, will lead the board into 2019 with an orientation and strategy session scheduled for March. If you have an interest in serving on the MDAF Board, please contact Paul Roberts at the MDA Executive Office.

**Scholarships:** Education is a primary focus for the MDA Foundation and as such, the long-standing Dental Scholarship Program continued in 2018. For the 2018-2019 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 11 eligible applications were received from both UMKC School of Dentistry and the ATSU Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health. This year Foundation scholarships were awarded to three UMKC students. Below are the dental scholarship recipients along with the high school from which they graduated.

## Dental Scholarship Recipients

- Matt Bryant (Willard High, Willard)
- Charlotte Donaway (Rockwood Summit High, Fenton)
- Hunter McAreavy (Boonville High, Boonville)

Since 1999, the MDA Foundation has awarded \$258,750 in dental and dental hygiene 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 December 2018 for the 2019-2020 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. 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.

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## **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 inaugural MOMOM was held in Springfield in September 2011. Since then clinics have been held in Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, Columbia, Independence, Joplin and Kirksville. Between the seven MOMOM clinics, 10,954 patients have received treatment totaling \$6,499,924 in value. Plus, more than 6,974 total volunteers have given their time to make the clinics successful.

The next MOMOM will be August 16-17, 2019 in St. Joseph. Drs. Tim Curry and Tim Taylor are co-chairing the clinic. It will be our first clinic in northwest Missouri. As with each MOMOM, the most critical need is for volunteer dentists and dental team members. Please consider you and your staff giving time to this amazing event that helps so many. Watch for announcements and volunteer registration online at [MOMOM.org](http://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 September 2018, 36 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 an established deadline of July 15. A minimum of \$3,500 is to be budgeted each year to help fund qualified applicants. In 2018, the Board awarded \$8,000 among six organizations.

- *Give Kids a Smile* - \$2,300 to expand their community educational outreach.
- *Healthworks!*- \$500 to purchase 250 Super Scrubber kits to help children practice oral hygiene.

- *Community Health Clinic of Joplin* - \$1,200 to help purchase equipment and supplies for treating underserved patients.
- *Jefferson County Health Department* - \$1,200 to help expand the Smiles to Go Youth Dental Program to child care locations
- *Medical Missions for Christ* - \$1,600 to help purchase supplies for community education and outreach for underserved patients in the central Ozarks.
- *Mercy Health Foundation* - \$1,200 to help purchase take home dental care kits for underserved children who visit their clinic

The Board looks forward to continuing to grow its grant program to help fulfill its vision of "Improving Missouri Smiles."

## **MDA Foundation Programs Disaster**

**Assistance:** Following the 2011 Joplin tornado, 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. The current disaster relief fund balance is \$259.

## **MDA Foundation Funding through MDA**

**Dues Statements:** The MDAF's largest source of revenue continues to be through the annual MDA dues statements. A \$150 donation to the Foundation was a voluntary option included on the 2018 MDA dues statements, from which the Foundation raised approximately \$15,048 year to date. These voluntary donations are the main revenue source for the Foundation. To help the MDAF to continue its programs and to develop new programs, we urge you to remember the MDA Foundation when paying your 2019 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 [modental.org/foundation](http://modental.org/foundation).

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**Endowment:** The Foundation has established an endowment with an initial amount of \$75,000. 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).

## **Connect4Cash Fundraiser**

The Foundation launched a new "Connect4Cash" fundraiser to coincide with the MDA's Annual Conference, Connect4Success. This is the perfect setting for some fun and competitive fundraising, plus it's very easy to play. The game is an elimination raffle with many cash prizes and vendor donated gifts to entice you to play, and you can take a chance on getting back in the raffle even after you are eliminated. Inaugural reviews were fantastic, so watch for how you can play in 2019. Congratulations to the \$1,500 grand prize winner, Dr. Elwood Rice who is an MDAF board member and past chair. Thanks to the generosity of all who bought tickets, we had our most successful fundraiser in years netting more than \$8,000 for the Foundation's grant and scholarship programs.

**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. This is greatly needed and appreciated. At the writing of this report, MDAF has received \$1,305 in miscellaneous donations. If you would like to donate, contact Paul Roberts at the MDA or download a donation form at [modental.org/foundation](http://modental.org/foundation).

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