

# 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.*

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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Dental Scholarships

- Established in 1999
- 78 dental student recipients have received a grand total \$216,000 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

- 6 events since 2011 have provided more than \$5.6 million in free care to 9,735 patients while enlisting more than 6,100 volunteers
- The next clinic is scheduled for August 3-4, 2018 in Kirksville, MO

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

### Grant Program

- Established in 2012 to assist community based dental outreach efforts in Missouri
- To date we have awarded 22 grants totaling \$24,307

### 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
- Maintained in case of future disasters or to aid dental associations affected by disasters in other states

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