2021 Annual Report

Sharing health, hope and happiness
Welcome

Today, the CDA Foundation remains committed to the mission it launched with in 2001: to improve the oral health of all Californians by supporting the dental profession in its efforts to meet community needs.

More than 20 years after our founding, we’re proud and privileged to represent the heart of dentistry and its philanthropic values. Through equally tireless and fulfilling work, we empower thousands of individuals who face barriers to care. One important way we do this is by increasing individuals’ access to essential dental treatment that relieves pain, restores dignity and instills hope.

At the Foundation, we saw our members continue to handle ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with grace and fortitude. Dental professionals have been extremely agile in their response to evolving recommendations and guidelines. Many of you stepped up to bolster community resources by administering COVID-19 vaccinations along with dental treatments in your offices. We take pride in your efforts to serve during the ongoing public health crisis.

Community wellness and service has long been a focus for the Foundation. Since 2012, we’ve hosted 18 CDA Cares events that provided $25.19 million in no-cost dental services to more than 30,000 Californians. Like many of you, we are eager to be able to continue hosting CDA Cares events again on both a large and small scale. An opportunity to host a smaller-scale CDA Cares event brought us to Woodland, California in November 2021. We are monitoring the everchanging environment and public health guidance to determine when and where CDA Cares events can be safely held during 2022.

The CDA Foundation’s Wellness Program continues to bring awareness, support, and assistance to dental professionals who are battling physical and/or mental ailments, including anxiety, depression and substance dependence. The program advocates for the overall wellbeing of dental community members and their families with confidential peer-to-peer support and hands-on assistance throughout treatment and recovery. During 2021, the Wellness Program offered a virtual event, Mental Health and Wellness in Dentistry. Participants found guidance, hope, and resources to implement in both their practices and personal lives.

Only through the generosity of volunteers, sponsors and donors like you can we reach underserved Californians in new, innovative ways, including through smaller targeted dental clinics that simultaneously prioritize the safety of patients and volunteers. We look forward to delivering more smiles across our great state in the years to come.

Together, we are creating smiles and changing lives.

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CDA Cares

Our volunteer-run CDA Cares events provide no-cost dental care in communities across California. We focus on the underserved who experience barriers to care and help to relieve pain and infection, restore dignity and confidence and create healthy new smiles for thousands of Californians.

Over two days, volunteer dentists and dental professionals provide treatments such as extractions, fillings, cleanings and oral health education. Time and resources permitting, individuals may also receive root canals, dentures and temporary partial dentures.

Altogether, 30,247 people have received no-cost dental services at CDA Cares since the first event in 2012, reflecting $25.19 million in donated care with 181,957 procedures completed through the work of more than 26,877 volunteers.
HEALTH

While the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continued to pose challenges and barriers to the traditional format of our CDA Cares events, our agile team began to explore other options for safely providing much needed dental services to the community. Despite postponement of CDA Cares Long Beach, we were thrilled to be able to host a small-scale CDA Cares clinic in Woodland, California. The clinic allowed the Foundation to expand its reach to more Californians in need of oral health care without compromising the safety of patients, volunteers or dental staff. With the support of 31 volunteers, dentists were able to safely perform 271 procedures for a total of $28,211 in care.

With this success under our belt, the Foundation is preparing to host more small dental clinics in 2022. Whatever venue the events take place in, and at whatever capacity, they will uphold the Foundation’s mission: to improve the oral health of all Californians by supporting the dental profession in its efforts to meet community needs.

“I am so, more than words can express, appreciative, grateful, thankful, satisfied. I am so impressed on the organization of the event. And again, thank you to all doctors, volunteer and sponsors for everything.”

— PREVIOUS CDA CARES PATIENT

“So much good is being done here. Thanks to all who volunteered.”

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Support from Generous Sponsors

The success of the CDA Foundation’s work would not be possible without the generous support of our corporate sponsors. Their invaluable partnerships, monetary contributions, donations of equipment and supplies and volunteer manpower have transformed the lives of thousands of people in need.

Some of the Foundation’s largest supporters — CVS/Aetna, the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation and The Dentists Insurance Company — allowed the Foundation to continue to provide essential dental treatment in 2021.

Many of our corporate sponsors have supported our efforts to provide care at no cost since our first event in 2012. Thanks in part to these sponsors, more than 30,000 people have benefited from $25.19 million in dental services provided by CDA Cares to date.

Californians feel the impact of our corporate sponsors’ support for years after Foundation events. Many individuals who receive dental treatment at CDA Cares go home pain-free, others return to healthful diets or interview for jobs with confident new smiles. Many more learn good oral health habits that will stay with them throughout their lives, while others get connected with permanent dental homes. Some even reappear at CDA Cares as community volunteers — to give back and share the hope.

With our sponsors’ support, CDA Cares also continues to educate policymakers about the importance of good oral health and the need for continued improvements to the state’s Medi-Cal Dental Program. We’ve seen improvements, and more than 13 million Californians are enrolled in the program, but many patients still face barriers to necessary care.

Fluoridation

The California state oral health plan is focused on addressing determinants of health, healthy habits and population-based prevention interventions, which includes increasing the proportion of the California population served by community water systems with optimally fluoridated water. Some of the $30 million allocated annually to the state oral health program has been set aside for local projects, and community water fluoridation is identified as a qualifying project. CDA and the CDA Foundation continue to monitor and contribute to these efforts to maintain and increase water fluoridation in California communities, including through educational meetings with policy makers and regular coordination with the California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center, a UCSF-based program supported by the Department of Public Health’s Office of Oral Health. In recent years, member dentists have been successful in halting or reversing localized efforts to end community water fluoridation.

Caries Risk Assessment

The CDA Foundation’s online program increases dentists’ confidence to see babies and young children, using caries risk assessment and chronic disease management principles to reduce the prevalence of dental caries. Known as TYKE (Treating Young Kids Every Day), the program is available online at cda.org and has been completed by more than 5,898 dental professionals to date. The course continues to be made available for free to providers enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental program.

The Foundation has been at the forefront of supporting research on caries management by risk assessment (CAMBRA®), the results of which were published in 2003, 2007 and 2019 in the Journal of the California Dental Association.
Financials
See how the Foundation utilized donations in 2021.

2021

Access to Care $751,789
Charitable Care Programs $538,553
Grants and Scholarships $84,297
Education $12,244
Total: $1,386,883

$0.94 of every dollar raised goes to funding programs.

“I now love to smile, where before I never did! CDA Cares removed the bad teeth that were remaining and finished the work in Long Beach. All the CDA Cares volunteers were the finest people ever created!”

— CDA CARES LONG BEACH DENTURE CLINIC PATIENT

“I would like all of the staff and volunteers to know how much you do for our lives and future. Thank you so much for giving me the chance at a new smile and a bigger, greater life for me and my kids for a better tomorrow.”

— CDA CARES SOLANO PATIENT
The Student Loan Repayment Grant provides an annual award of up to $50,000 (for a maximum of $250,000 over five years) to assist a recent grad of a California dental school with repayment of education loans in exchange for the recipient’s commitment to care for the underserved.

Since the grant’s inception in 2002, 22 dental school graduates have received $2,465,880 in student loan repayment and have honored their agreement to help support the Foundation’s mission.

The Foundation awarded two Student Loan Repayment Grants in 2021 to exceptional new dentists who committed to practice in an underserved community.

The program continues to have a positive impact on Californians through the dedication of past grant recipients.
“As a result of this grant, I will have the ability to continue working in this setting for many years and to also work towards improvements in the clinic system that will increase access to healthcare for our patients, such as by furthering medical dental integration at co-located sites. With the high cost of living within the Bay Area, this grant has allowed me the flexibility of working in the setting of my choice, while at the same time giving me the freedom to plan for my future. For this I am very grateful.”

– SOGOLE TABATABAIEPUR, DDS
Recipient of 2021 Student Loan Repayment Grant

“My volunteer work and professional journey is a reflection of how purpose-driven I am. I believe quality dental care is a right that needs to be accessible in order to continuously improve quality of life for all, regardless of socioeconomic status.”

– JOSE CARRASCO, DDS
Recipient of 2021 Student Loan Repayment Grant

Webb Family Grant

The Webb Family Grant provides an annual award of $5,000 toward education expenses for the individual who is selected runner-up for the Foundation’s Student Loan Repayment Grant.

Since its inception in 2014, six recent dental student graduates have received $5,000 in assistance for education expenses. The Foundation did not award the grant in 2021, instead focusing its support towards fully funding two deserving Student Loan Repayment Grants. The Foundation is currently evaluating how to continue the financial assistance in 2022 and beyond.
Dental Materials and Supplies Grant

The CDA Foundation offers the Dental Materials and Supplies Grant to California’s community-based organizations that provide dental care to underserved communities. The grant helps to minimize these organizations’ operating expenses through the support of in-kind materials and supplies necessary for dental operations and oral health services.

2021 Recipients

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- Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, Carlsbad, CA
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- JWCH Institute Inc., Commerce, CA
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- Smile Unto Him, Riverside, CA
- United Way of Ventura County Inc., Ventura, CA
- Vista Community Clinic, Vista, CA
Foothill College RDA Apprenticeship Program

We are excited to report a brand-new grant pilot program for 2021: Foothill College RDA Apprenticeship Program.

The state’s first dental assisting apprenticeship program, Foothill College RDA Apprenticeship Program, has been awarded a grant by the CDA Foundation. The program aims to help alleviate the dental assisting shortage the state has been experiencing for several years. The 15-month program will satisfy the number of hours required for the work experience RDA licensure pathway for the dental board.

The first cohort of the program has 10 student apprentices. Students are located in various cities throughout the Bay Area, and because of the online and Saturday class format, the program was also able to reach students in Santa Clara County and other areas of Northern California. The program has over 50 offices who have signed up for the apprenticeship pathway.

The CDA Foundation is proud to be able to support this pathway into the dental community.
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