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 19 years after our founding, we’re proud 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 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 recognize that 2020 brought unprecedented challenges not only to the dental profession but to individuals and families throughout California because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are especially grateful for your support and generosity.

Since 2012, we’ve hosted 17 CDA Cares events that provided $25.16 million in no-cost dental services to more than 30,000 Californians. However, ensuring the health and safety of volunteers and patients is our highest priority. In 2020, given the everchanging environment and in accordance with public health guidance, the Foundation made the difficult decision to postpone CDA Cares events until public health officials determine that events of such size and scope can be held safely.

Increasing access to oral health care remains a top focus for the Foundation, and our dentist-led board continues to explore safe new ways to support our mission. In September 2020, for example, we organized a small denture clinic to serve patients who were seen at our CDA Cares event in 2019.

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 creating more smiles across our great state in the years to come.

Together, we are changing lives.

Ronald Mead, DDS
Chair, CDA Foundation Board of Directors

Board of Directors

The board of directors for 2020 guided the Foundation’s ongoing efforts to support dental professionals, reduce barriers to care and improve oral health for all Californians.

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CDA Cares

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

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, 30,197 people have received no-cost dental services at CDA Cares since the first event in 2012, reflecting $25.16 million in donated care with 181,686 procedures completed through the work of more than 26,828 volunteers.
Although 2020 was an unusual year with the postponement of CDA Cares Long Beach, we were able to host a CDA Cares denture clinic for patients who were made edentulous at CDA Cares San Bernardino in 2019.

The Foundation is preparing to host more small dental clinics in 2021 as conditions and resources allow. Research and outreach are already underway to ensure any events are conducted in safe environments and follow state and county guidance related to infection control and gatherings.

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 totally appreciate this program and all they do to help improve the health of our teeth and smiles! Every person who works and volunteers in this program is extremely professional and friendly and treats each of us as very important individuals! They treat us like family! Thank you again for all your hard work and smiling faces!”

— CDA CARES SAN BERNARDINO PATIENT
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, The Dentists Insurance Company and Western Dental — allowed the Foundation to continue to provide essential dental treatment in 2020.

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 $25.18 million in dental services.

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.

Fluoridation

The 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 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 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

2020

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93 cents 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
Student Loan Repayment Grant

The Student Loan Repayment Grant provides an annual award of up to $35,000 (for a maximum of $105,000 over three 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, 20 dental school graduates have received $2,100,000 in student loan repayment and have honored their agreement to help support the Foundation’s mission.

The Foundation did not award a grant in 2020, but the program continues to have a positive impact on Californians through the dedication of past grant recipients.
HOPE

“The Student Loan Repayment Grant has positively affected my ability to practice dentistry while giving back to the community. Since I have not had to worry about my loans because of the grant, I have been able to focus on dentistry in the Los Angeles County and Orange County communities. I have been able to provide services to people who do not normally go to the dentist and see a change in both their smiles and attitudes toward life. All of this could not have been possible without the burdens of student loans lifted off my back with the CDA Foundation Student Loan Repayment Grant.”

— MATTHEW MECHEAL, DDS
Recipient of 2019 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 2020 but has plans to provide this financial assistance in 2021 and beyond.

“For me, the Webb Family Grant is a particularly significant affirmation and recognition of my work in dental public health. Dr. Russell Webb was a very important leader in our profession, and his family’s grant is an extraordinary honor for which I am deeply grateful.”

— PRIYADARSHINI AGRAWAL, DMD
Recipient of the 2019 Webb Family Grant
Dental Materials and Supplies Grant

The CDA Foundation, in partnership with Henry Schein Cares, offers the Dental Materials and Supplies Grant to community-based organizations in California 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.

“In 2020, Sonrisas Dental Health provided 6,401 dental visits to 2,447 low-income patients in San Mateo County. Thanks to generous support like the CDA Foundation’s Dental Materials and Supplies Grant, Sonrisas continues to serve the most vulnerable in our community, providing affordable access to safe, high-quality dental care during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.”

– TRACEY CARRILLO FECHER, CEO, SONRISAS DENTAL HEALTH

“This awesome support from the CDA Foundation Dental Materials and Supplies Grant has helped us offset our cost of dental supplies through in-kind donations that include a variety of supplies and materials used here at the Children’s Dental Health Clinic, and we are so appreciative. As we strive to provide quality dental care and education for an increasing population of underserved children in need of our services, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, support from this grant program will greatly enhance our organization’s ability to provide services.”

– DR. JOHN BLAKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DENTAL DIRECTOR, CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

“On behalf of the Assistance League of Long Beach’s Orthodontic Program, we are thrilled to have been selected as a recipient of the CDA Foundation’s Dental Material and Supplies Grant in 2020. This generous grant will enable us to offset program supply expenses so we can help more children in need in our community.”

– ANNETTE KASHIWABARA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF LONG BEACH
HAPPINESS

Recipients of 2020 Dental Materials and Supplies Grant

- Assistance League of Long Beach, Long Beach
- Children’s Dental Foundation, Long Beach
- Dentists on Wheels, Alamo
- Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center, San Diego
- Healing California, Pasadena
- Kids Community Clinic of Burbank, Burbank
- Lestonnac Free Clinic, Orange
- Samaritan House, San Mateo
- San Diego County Dental Foundation, San Diego
- Sonrisas Dental Health Inc., San Mateo
- South Bay Children’s Health Center, Lawndale

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