Creating Smiles and Changing Lives
Welcome

The CDA Foundation is committed to the mission it launched in 2001: to improve the oral and overall health of all Californians by supporting the dental profession in its efforts to meet community needs.

More than 21 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.

Community wellness and service has long been a focus for the Foundation. Since 2012, we’ve hosted 19 CDA Cares events that provided over $25 million in no-cost dental services to more than 30,000 Californians. This past year, we had an opportunity to host another successful smaller-scale CDA Cares event in Long Beach, California, in August. Like many of you, we are eager to be able to continue providing care to people in need. As the state continues to expand its Medi-Cal Dental Program, our CDA Cares clinics are evolving to prioritize placement of patients in need of oral health care into permanent dental homes, which will help bring more Californians to complete oral health.

The Foundation has partnered with the Office of Oral Health and our state’s seven dental schools to administer grant funding that will provide expanded opportunities for dental students to treat patients in historically underserved areas throughout California.

Additionally, the 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 well-being of dental community members and their families with confidential peer-to-peer support and hands-on assistance throughout treatment and recovery.

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 and lead to placement of patients into permanent dental homes. 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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The 2022 board of directors 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 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, **30,314** people have received no-cost dental services at CDA Cares since the first event in 2012, reflecting **$25.22** million in donated care with **182,235** procedures completed through the work of more than **26,928** volunteers.
While the 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 in 2020, we were thrilled to be able to host a small-scale CDA Cares clinic at the Children’s Dental Health Clinic in Long Beach in August 2022. 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 and dental staff. With the support of 51 volunteers, dentists were able to safely perform 278 procedures for a total of $36,955 in care.

With this success under our belts, the Foundation is preparing to host more small dental clinics in 2024. Wherever the events take place, and at whatever capacity, they will uphold the Foundation’s mission: to improve the oral and overall 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.”

— PREVIOUS CDA CARES PATIENT
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 workforce have transformed the lives of thousands of people in need.

Some of the Foundation’s largest supporters — CVS/Aetna and The Dentists Insurance Company — allowed the Foundation to continue to provide essential dental treatment in 2022.

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 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, 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 and sustainable improvements to the state’s Medi-Cal Dental Program. We’ve seen some improvements, but with more than 14 million Californians enrolled in the program, 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 Foundation continue to monitor and contribute to these efforts to maintain and increase water fluoridation in California communities, including through educational meetings with policymakers 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 8,684 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 2022.

**2022**

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$0.89 of every dollar raised goes to funding programs.

“I cannot begin to applaud our volunteers doing whatever it takes to get the job done. People always come with a huge open heart and are willing to do whatever is needed.”

— DR. JOHN TAYLOR, CDA CARES LONG BEACH CLINIC LEAD

“I cannot begin to thank everyone involved for the services provided to me. Pain after the procedure has been almost nonexistent. I kept waiting for the 'pain hammer' to drop when the anesthesia wore off. It never happened!”

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

Since the grant’s inception in 2002, 23 graduates have received $2,465,880 in student loan repayment and have honored their agreement to help support the Foundation’s mission.

This year, the Foundation awarded its final Student Loan Repayment Grant to an exceptional new dentist who has committed to practice in an underserved community.

With an overwhelming amount of student debt, this grant provides me the financial support needed so that I can focus on underserved populations and outreach projects. I plan to pay it forward — use the support given to me to help lift up others. By utilizing mobile dentistry and teledentistry, I intend to increase access and better serve high-risk populations. I am so grateful to the CDA for helping me to achieve my goal of creating a healthier California.

—JENNIFER STONE, DDS
Recipient of 2022 Student Loan Repayment Grant

Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni Faculty Award

The Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni Faculty Award acknowledges and supports eligible faculty affiliated with the state’s six dental schools for their exceptional leadership, innovation, collaboration, compassion, philanthropic spirit and integrity in dental education.

The 2022 recipient, Marisa Watanabe, DDS, MS, currently serves as the associate dean for community partnerships and access to care at the Western University of Health Sciences, College of Dental Medicine. She intends to utilize the $5,000 award to support innovative student-run public health initiatives allowing for improved collective impact.

Marisa Watanabe, DDS, MS
Recipient of 2022 Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni Faculty Award
HOPE

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 dental student graduates have received $5,000 in assistance for education expenses.

The Foundation is currently evaluating how to continue granting financial assistance to dental team members in 2023 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.

2022 Recipients

- Imperial Beach Community Clinic – Imperial Beach, CA
- Los Angeles Free Clinic dba Saban Community Clinic – Los Angeles, CA
- Asian Health Services – Oakland, CA
- Assistance League of San Pedro – South Bay – San Pedro, CA
- Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church – Auburn Renewal Center – Auburn, CA
- Assistance League of Long Beach – Long Beach, CA
- North County Health Project Inc. dba TrueCare – San Marcos, CA
- Orange County Dental Society Health Foundation – Orange, CA
- San Gabriel Valley Foundation for Dental Health – La Puente, CA
- Peach Tree Healthcare – Marysville, CA
Ukraine Relief Fund

The CDA Foundation created the Ukraine Relief Fund in March 2022 to support the provision of dental care for Ukrainian soldiers and civilians following the military invasion of Ukraine and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. The Foundation partnered with Henry Schein Cares and Pavel Niderman, DDS, a CDA member-dentist who has been involved with humanitarian dental aid to Ukraine since 2018. One-hundred percent of the contributions will go toward supporting dental care, with delivery being organized by Polish humanitarian aid organizations and Dr. Niderman. After a successful fundraising effort, the Foundation was able to raise over $41,000 and will be sending five full portable dental units, multiple handpieces and portable X-ray equipment.

Smile Crew California

The CDA Foundation, in partnership with CDA, helped to launch pilot dental assisting training programs, called Smile Crew CA, which continue to be successful—placing most of their participants in open dental positions in California, creating job opportunities for workers who have been displaced by the pandemic and helping member-dentists fill open positions in their practice.

These trainings teach participants dental terminology, HIPAA compliance, infection control protocols and other basic skills needed for a dental assisting career. Importantly, the trainings also allow participants to obtain the certifications required for dental assisting. The trainings include an online self-led learning module plus in-person classroom lessons with material developed by CDA staff in collaboration with member-dentists.

Since the initial pilot, the Foundation and CDA have partnered on a total of 13 bootcamps with a total of 198 participants enrolled and 172 participants completing their training. To date, the training programs have been hosted in San Bernardino, South Bay of Los Angeles County, San Diego and San Francisco.
Foothill College RDA Apprenticeship Program

In 2021, the CDA Foundation announced a brand-new grant pilot program: Foothill College RDA Apprenticeship Program.

As the state’s first dental assisting apprenticeship program, the 15-month Foothill College RDA Apprenticeship Program satisfies the number of hours required for the work experience RDA licensure pathway for the Dental Board of California.

The first cohort of the program graduated 10 new RDAs in December 2022. The students received certificates for infection control, the Dental Practice Act, coronal polishing, pit and fissure sealants and the Radiation Health and Safety Certification, and all submitted their applications to the dental board.

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

Vaccine Confidence Grant—California Department of Public Health

In 2022, the CDA Foundation entered into a grant agreement with the California Department of Public Health to provide trainings and materials to educate dentists and the public on the administration and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Specifically, the Foundation worked with the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry to create a continuing education course focused on COVID-19 vaccine administration, patient preparation and proper documentation. A live version of this course will be offered at CDA Presents in Anaheim in 2023. Additionally, the grant allowed the Foundation to create a Vaccine Confidence Toolkit to help educate dentists, patients and the public on vaccine safety and efficacy.
Thank you

The contributions of our generous donors and dedicated volunteers allow us to deliver even more health, hope and happiness. To become a Friend of the Foundation and learn how you can be a part of this rewarding mission, please contact:

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