



2025 Annual Report

DELTA DENTAL OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION



Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation

Letter from the Foundation Team

As we reflect on this past year, one truth stands out: the strength of Virginia's oral health safety net has always been its people. The clinicians who treat patients with dignity. The educators who spark lifelong habits. The students and future providers who step into this work with purpose. And the partners who believe that oral health is health, and that everyone deserves access to quality, compassionate care.

This year, their resilience was nothing short of extraordinary.

Across the Commonwealth, safety net providers supported by the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation expanded access to essential care, easing pain, restoring function, and renewing hope. As one participant shared, safety net clinics don't just treat dental problems; they shift mindsets and open doors.

We continued to invest in building a strong oral health workforce through mentorship and training, while also advancing inclusive care by expanding our network of Centers for Inclusive Dentistry. As always, community engagement remained central to our mission, with an amazing 75% of team members volunteering four or more hours in their communities, championing nonprofit partners and strengthening the communities they serve.

Together, these efforts show what's possible when people come together with purpose: healthier families, stronger communities and more access to oral health care. Thank you for being part of this work—and for helping build a future where every smile in Virginia can thrive.

Our Impact in 2025

CARE PROVIDED



23,649
Patients Served

42,790
Patient Visits

SMART SMILES IN SCHOOL



6,560
Students Educated

10,000
Supplies Donated

LOAN REPAYMENT



\$307K Awarded
to 14 Dentists and
3 Hygienists

GRANT FUNDING



\$875K Awarded

\$50K
Emergency &
Capacity Grants

SCHOLARSHIPS



156 Awarded
Since 2013

Grants & Loan Repayment

The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation supports Virginia's safety net through programs including grants and loan repayment. Grants are awarded annually to qualifying nonprofits to expand preventive care, education and direct access to dental services. In addition, the Foundation offers a loan repayment program for Virginia dentists and dental hygienists who commit to serving at least one year in a safety-net dental clinic. In 2025, the following dental clinics benefited from these programs.



Grantees appear in green, loan repayment appears in purple

GRANTEES & LOAN REPAYMENT RECIPIENTS IN 2025

- Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center
- Arlington Free Clinic
- Augusta Regional Dental Clinic
- Bland Ministry Center
- Bradley Free Clinic
- Carilion Clinic Dental Care
- Charlottesville Free Clinic
- Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP)
- Cross-Over Ministry, Inc.
- Daily Planet
- Fauquier Free Clinic
- Free Clinic of Powhatan
- Germanna Community College
- GoochlandCares
- Hampton Ecumenical Lodging and Provisions (HELP)
- HealthWorks
- Medical College of Virginia Foundation (VCU)
- Mountain Empire Community College
- New Horizons Healthcare
- Northern Neck Middlesex Free Health Clinic
- Piedmont Access to Health Services (PATHS)
- SWVA Regional Dental Care
- Tazewell Community Health Center
- VCU Health CMH Family Dentistry

To view more information about our grant and loan repayment program process, visit [DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation](https://www.DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation).



Charlottesville Free Clinic Grantee Highlight

Grantees serving in 2025 provided care to 6,102 uninsured or Medicaid Virginians through 16,195 visits.

In December 2022, a mother of two came to the Charlottesville Free Clinic Dental Clinic (CFC) seeking relief from the pain of a nonrestorable wisdom tooth. What began as an emergency visit became a three year journey toward restored oral health. Following extraction and extensive periodontal care, the dental team determined she would need crowns and partial dentures to restore function and appearance, care that was financially out of reach.

The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation has awarded CFC \$170,000 across three grants. In 2025 alone, CFC served 1,587 patients across 3,562 visits, and the number of digitally-printed dental items increased by approximately 507% from July through December compared to the first half of the year.

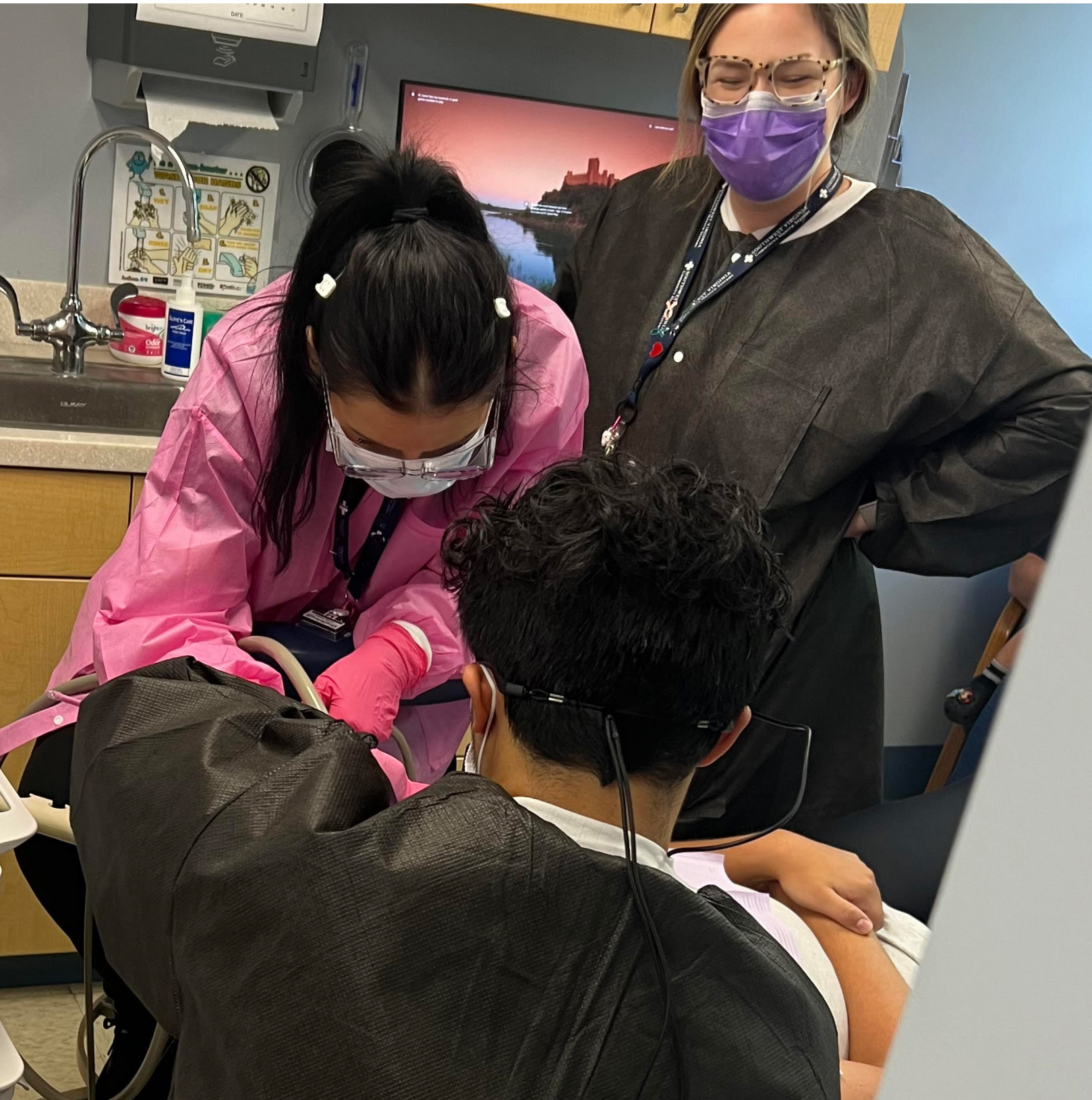
For this patient and so many others, access to modern dental care meant more than treatment. It meant renewed confidence, dignity, and the chance

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That changed in 2025 with the launch of CFC's digital dentistry program. Through this innovation, the clinic provided her partial dentures at no cost, restoring her ability to chew comfortably, reducing the risk of tooth shifting, and most importantly giving her a complete, healthy smile. Her story reflects the transformative power of innovation to remove financial barriers and expand access to care.

to smile without hesitation. As digital dentistry continues to evolve, CFC looks forward to using this technology to reach more patients and transform oral health outcomes for years to come. ▲

To view more information about our grant process, visit DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation.



LOAN REPAYMENT RECIPIENT SIMON LIN WORKS WITH HIS SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS TEAM MEMBERS TO RESTORE SMILES.

Loan Repayment: Recipients serving in 2025 served 17,547 patients across 26,595 visits.

SIMON LIN, LOAN REPAYMENT RECIPIENT

“ One patient came in convinced he needed all his teeth removed. He was in pain and frustrated, and didn't believe saving them was even an option. Instead of rushing to extract, I took the time to educate him on the importance of preserving teeth and walked him through a comprehensive treatment plan that prioritized function and longevity. Over several visits, we addressed his active disease, restored his smile and, most importantly, helped shift his perception of what dental care could be. The changes weren't just in his oral health; it was in his outlook. He went from seeing his teeth as disposable to understanding their value. This is why safety net clinics matter. They don't just treat dental problems, they shift mindsets, open doors and give people a chance to rewrite what's 'normal' in their families. ”

To learn about the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Loan Repayment program, visit [DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation](https://www.DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation).



DENTAL HEALTH SUMMER INSTITUTE STUDENTS WORKING WITH EMILY LUDWIG, RDH, MSDH, TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE X-RAYS.

Dental Health Summer Institute: Graduated 40 students from the Dental Health Summer Institute, fostering interest in oral health careers.

2025 DENTAL HEALTH SUMMER INSTITUTE ATTENDEE

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There was a lot of useful information provided on the application process and there was a lot of mentorship from already established dental professionals.

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To learn more about the Dental Health Summer Institute, email Polly Raible at polly.raible@deltadentalva.com.



GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDING SERVICES TO A PATIENT.

Workforce Development: Launched a multi-million-dollar campaign to expand Virginia oral health programs.

The commonwealth faces one of the nation's most severe shortages of dental hygienists — more than 1,000 unfilled positions — resulting in wait times of 12-18 months for routine care for many Virginians. These delays place residents at greater risk for dental disease and increase emergency visits, school and work absenteeism and long-term health complications. Virginia's community colleges train more than half of the state's

dental hygienists, yet high operational costs limit their ability to expand programs. Without immediate intervention, the workforce gap will continue to grow.

To address this crisis, a coordinated public private funding strategy is needed to strengthen Virginia Community College System (VCCS) dental hygiene programs, increase enrollment capacity and ensure equitable access to essential preventive care. ▲

HYGIENE IN VIRGINIA

Virginia allows 1 dentist to supervise up to 4 hygienists, yet the state has more dentists than hygienists.



6,283 dentists
5,306 hygienists[†]

1,000
Hygienist shortage
in Virginia^{††}

~150
Hygienists graduate
annually in Virginia

Dental hygienist average
salary in 2026.^{†††}

\$98,880



To learn how you can get involved, contact Polly Raible at polly.raible@deltadentalva.com.

[†]www.vadental.org/news-details/2025/06/17/new-state-report-finds-significant-dental-hygienist-workforce-shortages-throughout-virginia. ^{††}Health Resources and Services Administration. (n.d.). Workforce Projections. National Center for Health Workforce Analysis. Retrieved July 1, 2025, from data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-workforce/workforce-projections. ^{†††}<https://voee.org/virginia-2026-high-demand-occupations-dashboard>.



VCU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY TEAM ATTENDING TRAINING AT NYU DENTISTRY.

Centers for Inclusive Dentistry: VCU School of Dentistry and Carilion Clinic Dental Care completed training as Virginia's second Centers for Inclusive Dentistry cohort.

DR. ELIZABETH BORTELL, DDS, DIRECTOR,
SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY, VCU SCHOOL
OF DENTISTRY

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We have had an outstanding experience becoming a Center for Inclusive Dentistry. The support, guidance, experience and commitment are stellar and have helped all of us grow as clinicians dedicated to caring for patients with special health care needs.

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To learn more about the Centers for Inclusive Dentistry program and how your safety net clinic can get involved, contact Polly Raible at polly.raible@deltadentalva.com.



Delta Dental of Virginia Smile Ambassadors: Volunteered more than 2,000 hours in 2025.

In 2025, Delta Dental of Virginia truly put heart into action. Led by our volunteer group, the Smile Ambassadors, team members rolled up their sleeves and gave more than 2,000 hours of service to communities across Virginia. An incredible

championed nonprofit organizations close to their hearts, nominating them for grants of up to \$5,000. Nine nonprofits were nominated, and four organizations were selected to receive funding: the Down Syndrome Association of Roanoke, Good

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This year also marked the launch of *Community Smiles*, a new employee-driven program designed to amplify impact. Through Community Smiles, team members

Samaritan Hospice, Huddle Up Moms and Latinas Network.

Together, our team members turned compassion into meaningful change by creating smiles, strengthening communities and making 2025 a year to remember. ▲

For a full list of Delta Dental of Virginia Smile Ambassador accomplishments, click [here](#).

TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: DELTA DENTAL OF VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS AT A ROC SOLID BUILD. DELTA DENTAL OF VIRGINIA'S 2025 SMILE AMBASSADORS. BUILDING BEDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED THROUGH SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE.

THANK YOU

2025 DELTA DENTAL OF VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS

John Akers	Megan Divers	Brittney Manning	Crystal Saunders
Laura Alexander	Adrienne Doceti	Jennifer Markwood	Lottie Schottmiller
Basma Armanious	Kelsie Dorton	Amber Marshall	Jamie Shelton
John Austin	Lyndsey Drew	Debby Martin	Kia Sherman
Samuel Austin	Kasey Edens	Tonya McCain	Patricia Shifflett
Emma Babenko	Lolita Evans	Courtney	Cathy Sigmon
Robert Barker	Isabela Everett	McCormick	Beth Simmons
Karen Basham	MaLinda Farmer	Julia McFall	Brie Smith
Ashley Bell	Chevi Fletcher	Kimberly McKimmy	Gabrielle Smith
Shana Bernard	Laura Foster	Brandy McMinnis	Kenneth Smith
Katelyn Bettez	Nancy Fulford	Bryan Merry	Mary Bess Smith
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Virginia Board	Nicole Farrow	Luder Milton	Leslie Spencer
Brandi Boksa	Korey Gannon	Glen Mitchell	Amy St. Clair
Joi Bonds	Lynnette Gebhardt	Colleen Morrison	Linda St. Clair
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