



2023 Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Accomplishments



Support the dental
safety net



Boost prevention



Accelerate learning

Since its inception the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation has donated over \$12M to improve the oral health of all Virginians. Below are a few highlights of the Foundation's work in 2023:

- Funded a \$2M endowment to create a Pediatric Dental Residency program at Carilion Clinic.
- Provided \$258k in loan repayment to 13 dentists and 1 dental hygienist through the 2023 Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Loan Repayment Program.
- Through the 2022 Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Loan Repayment Program, provided oral health services to 13,344 patients during 30,334 visits in their first six months of work.
- Provided more than \$640,000 in grants to 13 non-profit organizations that support the oral health safety net and ensure vulnerable populations have access to oral health.
- Through the 2022 grantees, oral health care services or education was provided to 7,141 uninsured or Medicaid Virginians through 9,353 visits.
- Provided 10,000 toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss to Virginia public school children during Children's Oral Health Month.

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2023 Delta Dental Foundation Accomplishments (cont.)

- Launched the Centers for Inclusive Dentistry in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health with the goal to better serve people with special health care needs. Two safety net clinics were chosen to participate and received three days of immersive training from the NYU Dentistry Oral Health Center for People with Disabilities, \$10,000 per clinic for specialty equipment and technical assistance on how to improve workflows and environmental factors for people with special health care needs.
- Co-led efforts to become the first Virginia oral health insurance provider to expand benefits to Delta Dental of Virginia members with Special Health Care Needs.
- Partnered with Special Olympics Virginia to bring awareness to the importance of oral health services to people with Special Health Care Needs and support state and local games and athletes.
- Funded the 12th annual Delta Dental Oral Health Endowed Lecture, in partnership with Virginia Tech Carilion, educating more than 118 attendees on maternal oral disease and pregnancy outcomes with guest speaker, Kim Boggess, MD, Professor of Ob/Gyn, University of North Carolina School of Medicine.
- Co-led the development of the oral health workforce framework and career highways, which will serve as foundational tools to develop a more robust oral health workforce plan for the Commonwealth in 2024.
- Started and co-led a regional collaborative of safety net providers to build the oral health workforce and determine ways they can maximize efficiencies and revenue, share costs and ultimately serve more low-income and Medicaid patients. Year one of this convening focused on building trust, sharing common goals, learning about each organization's services and plans.
- Partnered with the Virginia Health Care Foundation to pilot *Sign Up, Pay Down*, an incentive program to recruit safety net providers that includes loan repayment and signing bonuses. Five safety net clinics were selected for the pilot and five of them have hired dentists.
- Partnered with the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene at ODU for year two of the Dental Health Summer Institute. Thirty-one diverse high school students attended and graduated from the five-day course intended to encourage interest in dentistry as a profession and diversify the workforce. This year, one of the five days was held in person on ODU's campus, allowing students to participate in hands-on learning. To date, 54 students have completed the program.
- Funded the School Based Oral Health Learning Collaborative through Virginia Health Catalyst, which began in 2021. Since its inception, 100 schools and 11 Head Start programs now have school based oral health programs giving access to care to over 14,000 children.
- Partially or fully fund eight scholarship endowments. Through these endowments 99 scholarships have been given to dental professionals since 2013.
- Continue to serve on the Local Impact for Tomorrow (LIFT) Center Leadership Team, helping to guide services for the Fallon Park community where close to 25% of families live at or below the federal poverty limit and three-quarters of the population live at 200% of the federal poverty level. The FY23 Annual Report details the outcomes of this partnership. [Click here](#) to see the report.

For more information about the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation, visit DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation.

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