



## 2022 Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Accomplishments



Support the dental safety net



Boost prevention



Accelerate learning

**The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation is committed to improving the oral health of all Virginians through education, program development and community partnerships. Below are a few examples of the benefits to the community as we look back on last year's accomplishments.**

- 12,168 students taught oral health prevention lessons through the Smart Smiles program.
- Funded the expansion of the Dental Assistant program at Mountain Empire Community College doubling the number of dental assistants.
- Partnered with the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene at ODU to develop the Dental Health Summer Institute which launched in July of 2022. Twenty-three diverse high school students attended and graduated from the five-day course intended to encourage interest in dentistry as a profession.
- Provided four schools with \$50,000 endowments each to produce scholarships for Dental Hygienists at Old Dominion University, Virginia Western Community College, Wytheville Community College and Northern Virginia Community College.
- Funded a Pediatric Dental Residency at Carilion Clinic. The residency will be operational in 2024 and will support two residents who are expected to serve approximately 7,000 children in the first year.

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- Funded \$280,000 in loan repayments for two dental hygienists and 13 dentists who all agreed to serve one year in safety net organizations in the Commonwealth.
- Provided more than \$780,000 in grants to 13 non-profit organizations that support the oral health safety net and ensure vulnerable populations have access to oral health.
- Celebrated the Foundation's ten year anniversary with more than \$500,000 in additional community support.
- Opened the LIFT (Local Impact for Tomorrow) Center at Fallon Park Elementary School. The center provides oral, mental and overall health services to students along with additional support services, such as financial counseling, for student's immediate family members.
- Through the School Based Oral Health Learning Collaborative, 36 schools now have school based oral health programs giving access to care to over 13,000 children.
- The George A. Levicki, D.D.S., Endowed Scholarship provided \$5,000 scholarships to four dental students interested in providing care in rural areas of Virginia, after they receive their degrees.
- Funded the 11th annual Delta Dental Oral Health Endowed Lecture educating more than 100 attendees on *The Mouth-Brain Connection* with guest speaker, Mark Ryder, D.M.D., Professor of Orofacial Sciences, University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry.



- Awarded \$90,000 to partner non-profits in celebration of our ten year anniversary to further the advancement of good oral health.

**For more information about the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation, visit [DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation](https://www.DeltaDentalVA.com/foundation).**

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