



Corporate Philanthropy: Spreading healthy smiles

Bringing joy to communities across the nation

For more than 65 years, Delta Dental has established and supported programs across the country that expand access to oral health care and advance oral health education. Today, all 39 Delta Dental companies are committed to positively impacting local communities through continued support of these programs.



million lives
impacted

\$106M
invested in
communities



50 states, the
District of Columbia
and Puerto Rico
received donations

Spreading smiles, from the mountains to the coast

As the state's leading dental insurer, we make it a priority to give back to the communities we serve by investing in the oral health of all North Carolinians, especially those with limited access to care. We work with nonprofits to advance oral health education and oral health services through the Delta Dental Foundation (DDF), as well as through corporate giving.



\$1,198,000
in grants over 10 years*

85+

nonprofits
supported*



50 counties
received
donations*

*DDF giving (or grants)
in North Carolina

Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) Programs



Smiles for Kids

The Delta Dental Foundation launched Smiles for Kids in 2011 to address the issue of tooth decay. Smiles for Kids is a mini-grant program that supports nonprofit organizations who provide oral health care services and education to underserved children across the state.



\$608,000+
in grants

333,000+

children and families supported
through the program



Dental Care for Veterans

Only 10% of all veterans qualify for Veterans Administration Dental Benefits. Of the approximately 735,000 veterans in North Carolina, an estimated 13.6% fall below the poverty level. The DDF awarded a total of \$25,000 to the ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation in 2021 and 2022 to support the ECU School of Dental Medicine's Smiles for Veterans program and Veteran Patient Care Fund. Volunteer practitioners provided quality oral health care for veterans.

General Grants

The Delta Dental Foundation also provides general grants to provide oral health services to underserved adults and children across the state. For instance:

- In 2021, the DDF awarded \$60,000 to the North Carolina Dental Society Foundation to fund an oral health curriculum for grades K – 8. The curriculum, available in both English and Spanish, includes training for teachers and videos and handouts for students. The grant included funding from all four member states and will be available on [PBSKids.org](https://pbskids.org).
- In 2022, the DDF awarded \$10,000 to Charlotte Community Health Clinic toward purchasing and outfitting a mobile dental van to support school-based and other community-based dental services.
- In 2022, for the 5th year in a row, the DDF awarded the Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA) \$10,000 for dental expenses so residents could focus on their recovery.

