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## **Delta Dental of North Carolina Announces \$243,000+ in Grants Across N.C.**

*Grants include establishment of Delta Dental Oral Oncology Fellowship Fund, giving students access to one of the less than 10 programs in the U.S. that provide patient care and clinical training specific to the needs of cancer patients*

**HIGH POINT, NC:** The Delta Dental Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of North Carolina (DDNC), has announced ten grants totaling \$243,320 for programs across N.C. that will increase access to oral health care and workforce education, including the establishment of the Delta Dental Oral Oncology Fellowship Fund at High Point University's Workman School of Dental Medicine. This fellowship will increase the delivery of care to cancer patients and train oral healthcare providers to manage oncology patients.

The grants include:

- \$180,000 over three years to High Point University to establish the Delta Dental Oral Oncology Fellowship Fund at the University's Workman School of Dental Medicine;
- \$10,000 to the Carteret County Health Department for oral health services for underserved children;
- \$10,000 to the Refugee Community Partnership for interpreters for low-income refugee and migrant adults receiving dental services;
- \$10,000 to Wake Smiles to provide prosthetics at no cost to uninsured adults;
- \$7,500 to the Community Care Clinic of Rowan County to increase access to oral health care in Iredell and Stanly counties;
- \$7,500 to the Dental Lifeline Network for case management for patients receiving donated dental services across N.C.;
- \$7,500 to TROSA for dental care for individuals in substance use disorder recovery;
- \$5,820 to Advance Community Health for its Smile Defenders on Wheels mobile dental program;
- \$5,000 to Guilford Technical Community College Foundation for its Dental Science Programs' dental assisting and hygiene scholarships.

"We believe everyone deserves a healthy smile, and so we are thrilled to increase access to oral health care and workforce education across North Carolina," said Curt Ladig, CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. "Our success has enabled us to make this level of investment, and so we are grateful to our customers, dentists and employees for their partnership in advancing oral health."

### **About the Delta Dental Foundation**

The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The DDF is dedicated to developing and enhancing partnerships and programs to improve oral and overall health and health equity. For more information, visit [www.deltadental.foundation](http://www.deltadental.foundation).

### **About Delta Dental of North Carolina**

For more than 50 years, Delta Dental of North Carolina has championed healthy smiles across the state as North Carolina's leading dental insurer. A member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, DDNC is part of the largest dental insurance network in the nation, covering more than 80 million Americans. DDNC is pleased to provide both dental and vision insurance administered by VSP® Vision Care to businesses as part of their employee

benefits, and directly to individuals and families. Our mission is to improve the oral health and the overall well-being of the communities we serve. Learn more about Delta Dental of North Carolina at [www.deltadentalnc.com](http://www.deltadentalnc.com) and DeltaVision® at [www.deltadentalnc.com/deltavision](http://www.deltadentalnc.com/deltavision).

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