



Delta Dental Foundation—Our Work in Ohio

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In the past **5 years**, the **Delta Dental Foundation** has invested more than **\$4 million** in Ohio.

Pandemic Relief Funding

- **\$600,000 in COVID-19 emergency relief** to 135 safety-net dental clinics, food banks, homeless shelters, dental schools and other nonprofits in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Dental Schools

The DDF provides support to dental schools throughout the state of Ohio to better educate the next generation of dental professionals.

- **The Ohio State University College of Dentistry** to fund the Delta Dental Foundation Ambulatory Surgery Center
- **Case Western Reserve University School of Dental medicine** to fund a dental clinic at the new health campus
- Scholarships and awards, including the **Community Commitment Award**, to support dental students who commit to practice in a designated health professional shortage area for at least one year after graduation



Health Equity

The DDF supports programs and institutions working to improve health equity in oral and overall health for underserved populations.

- **Medworks Dental Care** to support free dental care at an annual event held in Cleveland
- The **Ohio Department of Health** for the Fluoridation Assistance Program
- **Project Accessible Oral Health** for an app that supports oral health care for individuals with autism



Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures

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. DDF is dedicated to developing and enhancing partnerships and programs to improve health equity in oral and overall health.

- **Special Olympics** to develop inclusive training for dental professionals statewide

Education

The DDF supports organizations that provide educational programming on the importance of oral health and how it relates to overall health.

- **Brush**, oral health curriculum and training for WIC and Headstart staff and students
- **Cincinnati Children’s Museum** to support an oral health exhibit and field trips
- The **Smile Squad Patch Program** offered to Girl Scouts in participating councils in Ohio
- **Reach Out and Read Ohio** and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ **Brush, Book, Bed** to support children’s literacy
- The **Rethink Your Drink: Water’s Cool at School** to install water filtration stations and encourage healthy choices at more than 45 schools statewide
- **“I Need My Teeth”** oral health education assembly for elementary students

Dental Clinics and Equipment

The DDF provides support to safety-net dental clinics to purchase necessary dental equipment to expand care for underserved populations.

- **Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron** for specialty equipment to treat complex pediatric patients
- **Faith Mission** in Worthington to serve people experiencing homelessness
- **Greene County Health District** to expand care for vulnerable populations
- **McMicken Integrated Care Clinic** in Cincinnati to equip a dental clinic for people experiencing homelessness
- **Rocking Horse Community Health Center** in Springfield to equip a treatment room devoted to patients with special needs

School-based Health

The DDF supports school-based health initiatives to make dental care more accessible and increase the number of children who are seen and receive dental treatment. Examples include:

- **Aiken High School-Based Dental Clinic** in Cincinnati
- **Cleveland Clinic** to support their school-based health care program
- **Delta Dental Center at Oyler School** in Cincinnati
- **Edgewood School-Based Health Center** in Trenton
- **Fairfield School-Based Health Center** in Fairfield
- **Valley View Health Center** in Akron
- **West Clermont School-Based Dental Center** in Batavia
- **Academy of World Languages Integrated Health Hub** in Evanston



Make a Difference

To learn more about the Delta Dental Foundation and find out how you can apply for grant opportunities in your community, please visit www.deltadentaloh.com/ddf.