

The Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and the WDA's affiliated charity, was established in 1957 in response to dentists' requests for a way to provide tax-deductible contributions to charitable, scientific and educational oral health endeavors – particularly in the dental science and public health arenas.

### Our Mission:

The Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation is committed to improving the oral health and overall well-being of Wisconsin residents while supporting the needs of the dental community.

### Our Vision:

- Improved oral health for all Wisconsin residents
- Full support for those who provide oral care
- Paving the way for tomorrow's dental professionals



### Charitable Programs:

The WDA Foundation supports seven charitable programs that help the dental professionals of today and tomorrow, as well as the community at large.

### Serving the Public

**Donated Dental Services** focuses on restoring the dental health of individuals unable to afford dental care due to a limited income that is clearly linked to a permanent disability, chronic illness or advanced age. Since 1998, some 890 volunteer dentists have provided nearly \$13 million in comprehensive dental care at no charge to more than 4,100 adults in need. Additionally, 162 dental labs have donated almost \$873,000 in supplies and services.

**The Annual Grant Program** extends the WDA Foundation's reach throughout the state, awarding thousands of dollars annually to support nonprofit dental clinics and programs. In 2023, the Foundation provided grants totaling \$61,724 to 10 Wisconsin-based oral health nonprofits:

- Affordable Dental Care (Madison)
- Bread of Healing Clinic (Milwaukee)
- Chippewa Valley Technical College
- Community Smiles Dental (Waukesha)
- Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic
- Lakeshore Technical College
- Community Dental Clinic (Cleveland)
- More Smiles Wisconsin (Madison)
- Oral Health Partnership (Brown County)
- Tri-County Dental (Appleton)

Since 2009, the **WDA Foundation Mission of Mercy** has brought dentists, dental team members, and volunteers from across the state into one area to treat immediate dental needs, relieve individuals of pain and rid them of infection so they can focus on "starting over" with preventative care. More than 16,300 people have received free dental care valued at approximately \$11 million at WDA Foundation MOM events.

**The Smile Program** provides underprivileged children, adults and seniors with the supplies needed to put them on the right track for good oral health. Since 2012, the Foundation has provided qualified nonprofit organizations with more than 15,000 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste to be distributed to those in need.

### Serving Dentists and Students

The **Charitable Assistance Fund** is used to provide grants to dentists facing financial difficulty due to misfortune, natural disaster, chemical dependence, physical disability, advanced age or other hindering conditions.

The Foundation's **Dentists Concerned for Dentists** program was created in 1984 to provide compassionate, confidential assistance and referral to dental professionals struggling with alcohol or chemical dependency, depression, illness or other well-being issues.

The **Annual Scholarship Program** helps lighten the financial burden of high-achieving students studying to enter the dental profession. Marquette University School of Dentistry students and dental hygiene students from across the state are eligible to apply.

*The WDA Foundation is YOUR Foundation, created by, and for, Wisconsin's dentists. Your contribution is always welcome and will help make a difference in the oral health and lives of thousands of underserved children and adults in Wisconsin, as well as support dental professionals to assure that quality oral health care will be available today and for the future.*

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