

Welcome to the 2017 MDS Foundation Newsletter!

This was an impactful year for the Foundation and we have made great strides in addressing the oral health needs of Massachusetts residents.

We received a wide variety of grant applications this year across each of our three grant programs and were able to provide funds to deserving organizations across the state. Following are the simple examples of what you have helped us to accomplish on a personal level this year.

A child has been given a toothbrush and instructed how to use it. A homeless teenager in pain with an abscessed tooth finally has no pain after treatment. An elderly person with a broken denture has had it repaired and is now able to eat.

All of the individuals described above were helped by your generosity. Each of the programs that we are able to fund helps to address oral health needs in the Commonwealth, but more importantly, help our fellow residents in need.

Last year we extended our grant giving with the addition of our **Ambassador Grant Program**, which provides funding for individual dentists who want the chance to

give back to the communities in which they live and work. I am pleased to report that we had 14 Ambassadors this year across five Districts. If you are considering becoming an Ambassador, I would encourage you to come up with an idea for potential funding by the Foundation and submit a grant application. This is a great opportunity to have a personal impact on those in need. Past projects have included custom mouthguard fittings, oral health education for children and seniors, and oral cancer screenings.

The MDS Foundation is **your Foundation** and your support is vital to our success. The Foundation is making headway in our mission each year, but there is always more work to be done. Whether you donate, become an Ambassador, or simply spread the word about the work the Foundation is doing, you are helping us to make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Robert Lewando, DDS
 Chair, MDS Foundation

Congratulations
 to Our 2017
 Ambassadors!



14 Ambassadors



6 Projects Including:

- Oral health education
- Dental examination
- Mouthguard fitting
- Oral cancer screening



555 Individuals
 and Families Impacted



5 Districts
 Impacted

To learn more, visit massdental.org/ambassador

Elder Dental Program

Targeted Grants provide individuals and programs with funding of up to \$2,000 to help increase access to oral care in their communities.

This year, one of our Targeted Grant recipients was the Elder Dental Program, which was awarded a **\$2,000** grant. These funds were used to help cover the costs of screening and matching seniors with local dentists for treatment, for the second consecutive year. Screening involves mailing applications and program materials to patients, followed by a phone consultation to assess their oral health status, and verification of their financial need. Once this is completed, the seniors are matched with a participating dentist and an appointment is scheduled for them. The local dentists, many of whom are MDS members, volunteer to treat these patients at a greatly reduced cost. For example, an oral exam, for which a dentist may regularly charge \$100, would be available to a senior in the Elder Dental Program for as little as \$17.

Based out of Attleboro, the organization strives to improve the oral health of local low-income seniors, thereby improving their overall quality of life. Because many seniors make too much to qualify for MassHealth and too little to afford a private dental insurance, they often have challenges finding quality, affordable oral health care. The Elder Dental Program works to help those who fall into this gap to receive the care they need at a discounted rate. The program targets individuals over the age of 60 who live at or below 250% of the federal poverty level with minimal savings. Their average client is a 74-year-old widow who lives on an income of \$15,572 or less per year. To date, the Elder Dental Program has 624 active patients, 26 of whom were able to participate in the program as a result of the 2016 grant that the MDS Foundation awarded to the organization.



Donate to the Foundation

It is through the generous support of our donors that we are able to fund programs that increase access to dental care and education. We are making progress in improving oral health in Massachusetts, but we need your help.

Ways to Give:

- Host a fundraiser in your District to benefit the MDS Foundation
- Give an in-kind gift by donating services or supplies
- Send a donation via check, or add your donation to your dues renewal check
- Donate online at **massdental.org/giving**
- Honor a loved one or special occasion by making a memorial or tribute donation

To learn more about how you can give back, please visit **massdental.org/foundation** or call **800.342.8747** to speak to a member of the MDS Foundation staff.

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Springfield Technical Community College

Access to Care Grants are the largest grants that the MDS Foundation awards. They are given to organizations to assist in funding sustainable, innovative, community-supported programs that increase access to dental care for Massachusetts residents, and must have measurable improvement goals.

One of the Foundation's 2017 Access to Care Grant recipients was Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), which was awarded **\$16,636** to expand its dental clinic. STCC has a vacant, mostly furnished five-unit dental clinic and sees the opportunity to begin using that space to serve the dental needs of its community.

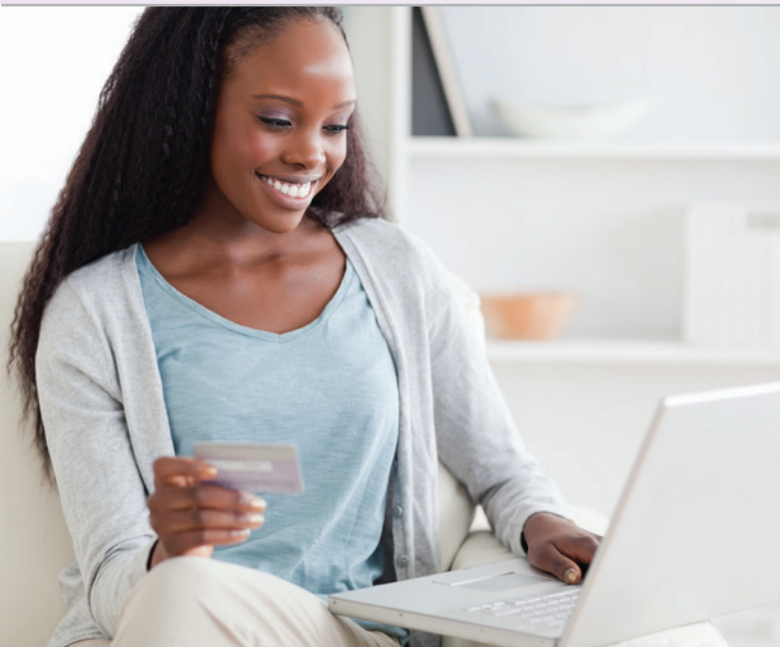
Springfield Technical Community College has dental hygiene and assisting programs that provide patient education, comprehensive examinations with radiographs, prophylaxis, and scaling and root planing. These complement required training and provide greatly needed dental care. The programs are fully accredited and invaluable in providing trained and licensed auxiliaries for dental practices throughout Western Massachusetts.

The vision of this project is to create ongoing access for this under-served community. The goal is to make the STCC clinic an externship site for fourth-year dental students from the Massachusetts dental schools. Externs will collaborate with dental hygiene and dental assisting students under the direct supervision of member dentists of the Valley District Dental Society (VDDS) and faculty of the hygiene program. This collaboration will help to provide much-needed services while giving the students valuable practical experience and promoting the opportunities of practicing in Western Massachusetts.

The new clinic will offer a broad range of dental treatment, including educating and treating at-risk individuals for free or reduced costs. The funds from the MDS Foundation will be used to buy supplies and equipment, and help with what it takes to operate the clinic. "STCC and VDDS are most grateful to the Foundation for giving Springfield this opportunity," says Dr. Martin Wohl, VDDS Vice Chair.

Lack of access to dental care is a considerable issue in the city of Springfield, where more than 30% of the population lives below the federal poverty level. Local dental clinics often require patients to wait several months before they can be seen for care. The STCC dental clinic will help to alleviate these long wait times and increase access to care in the metropolitan Springfield area.

The clinic is expected to fully open in the spring 2018 semester. To promote and initiate this project, VDDS and STCC are co-hosting a Community Dental Day on Saturday, December 9, 2017. During this event, several dozen volunteers from STCC and VDDS will provide free dental triage, examinations, radiographs, extractions, restorations, and dental education to those in need.



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2016 - 2017 Grant Recipients

Do you know a deserving oral health organization that would benefit from an MDS Foundation grant? Encourage them to submit a grant proposal! Learn about the application process online at

massdental.org/grants



Access to Care:

- A Forsyth Institute**
Multiple locations
- B Bridge Over Troubled Waters**
Boston
- C Springfield Technical Community College**
Springfield

Targeted:

- A Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**
Nantucket
- B Elder Dental Program**
Attleboro
- C Oral Care Kits**
Andover, Bedford, Gardner, Milford, Newton, North Attleboro, and Uxbridge

Ambassador:

- A Give Kids A Smile**
Lawrence
- B Mouthguard Fitting**
Stoneham
- C Give Kids A Smile**
Boston
- D Child Oral Health Education**
North Dartmouth
- E Oral Cancer Screening**
Ashland
- F Senior Oral Health Education**
Newton



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