

Delta Dental of Oklahoma / Summer 2015

# Dentist Check Up

## 2016 Grant Cycle Open, Here are the Grants Awarded for 2015

The board of trustees of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation has awarded **\$1,448,875 in grants to 32 organizations** throughout the state for dental health and education related programs this year.

### Grants awarded to programs serving the entire state included:

- » **\$240,000 to MobileSmiles Oklahoma**, a partnership program of Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation and Oklahoma Dental Foundation that delivers dental care statewide utilizing two RV-style offices on wheels.
- » **\$125,000 to Dentists for the Disabled and Elderly in Need of Treatment (D-DENT)**, which provides free dental care and dentures to disabled, elderly, and low-income patients and veterans with the help of volunteer dentists.
- » **\$60,000 to the OU College of Dentistry to provide scholarships for dental students**; \$50,000 to the OU COD Student Clinic to provide reduced fee dental care for qualifying patients; \$15,000 to underwrite OU COD Scientific Day; and \$6,000 to support dental student research projects.
- » **\$47,000 for the Captain Supertooth Program**, which conducts oral health education presentations and gives away toothbrushes to elementary school students.
- » **\$2,000 to Special Olympics for its Healthy Athletes "Special Smiles" Program**, which provides oral health screening and education to Special Olympics athletes.
- » **\$1,000 to Children's Oral Health Coalition** for its joint website project.

### Grants awarded to programs serving Central Oklahoma included:

- » **\$75,000 to Neighborhood Services Organization in Oklahoma City for its NSO Dental Low-Cost Dental Clinic**; \$3,500 to provide free dental care to its transitional living clients; and \$1,500 for its oral health community outreach program.
- » **\$65,000 to Crossings Community Clinic in Oklahoma City** for its free dental clinic.
- » **\$122,000 to Good Shepherd Ministries of Oklahoma** for its free dental clinic in downtown Oklahoma City.
- » **\$30,000 to City Rescue Mission in Oklahoma City** to provide free dental care for its homeless clients.

- » **\$27,000 to Ministries of Jesus in Edmond** for its free dental clinic.
- » **\$50,000 to OU College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Department for its Geriatric Dentistry Program**, which provides free dental treatment to low-income elderly patients.
- » **\$10,000 to WaterRock Ministries for its Open Wide Dental Clinic**, which provides free dental care to the uninsured and underinsured.
- » **\$10,000 to Variety Care** for a pilot program to provide dental care access to qualifying patients.
- » **\$5,000 to Positive Tomorrows** to provide dental care access to their students and families
- » **\$1,000 to Heart & Hands Ministries** to provide free dental care for clients in its transitional living program.

### Grants awarded to programs serving Northeastern Oklahoma included:

- » **\$120,000 to Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (EODDS)** to provide dental care and dentures for low-income, elderly and disabled patients in the 918/539 area codes through their network of volunteer dentists.
- » **\$36,630 to Neighbor for Neighbor** for its NFN Dental Clinic, which provides free dental care services to those in need.
- » **\$135,000 to Catholic Charities of Tulsa** for its Mother Teresa Dental Care Clinic to provide free dental care and dentures to those in need.
- » **\$10,000 to Broken Arrow Neighbors** for its free dental clinic, which provides dental care to low-income and uninsured populations.
- » **\$10,000 to Morton Comprehensive Health Services** for its Free Dental Clinic serving the homeless population in mid-town Tulsa; and \$10,000 for a pilot program to provide dental care access to qualifying patients.
- » **\$15,000 to Green Country Free Clinic in Bartlesville** for its new Free Dental Clinic.
- » **\$5,000 to Free Clinic of Mayes County in Pryor** for its Dental and Dentures Program.
- » **\$6,000 to Tri-County Technology Center in Bartlesville** for its Dental Hygiene Clinic and Volunteer Dental Clinic, which provides free and low-cost treatment for qualifying patients.

### Programs serving Western Oklahoma that received grants included:

- » **\$100,000 to Oklahoma Mission of Mercy** for its free dental clinic being held at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa on February 6-7, 2014.
- » **\$10,000 to Western Oklahoma Family Care Center in Elk City** for its Hope Dental Clinic, which provides free dental care to those in need.
- » **\$5,245 to Western Technology Center** in Weatherford for its Dental Hygiene Program's "Give Kids a Smile" Sealant Project.

### Programs serving Southern Oklahoma that received grants included:

- » **\$30,000 to Good Shepherd Medical & Dental Foundation in Ardmore** for its Free Dental Clinic.
- » **\$10,000 to Garvin County Community Living Center** for a pilot program to provide dental care access for its developmentally disabled clients in Pauls Valley.
- » **\$5,000 to Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for its Dental Hygiene Clinic**, which provides low-cost and free dental hygiene services.

Delta Dental of Oklahoma, a not-for-profit dental benefits company headquartered in Oklahoma City, has contributed more than \$13 million for dental health and education programs through its Oral Health Foundation since 1998.

"Delta Dental of Oklahoma is committed to supporting the efforts of volunteer dental professionals and to advancing oral health in our state," said John Gladden, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Oklahoma. "We're proud to partner with these groups who are serving a wide variety of needs and making a difference in the lives of so many."

**Grant requests are now being accepted for 2016 funding at [www.DDOKFoundation.org](http://www.DDOKFoundation.org). Application deadline is August 31, 2015.**

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# Foundation Spotlight

## John Gladden Honored with Charitable Dentistry Award



Dr. Richard Haught and John Gladden

John Gladden, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Oklahoma and chairman of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, has been honored with the Dr. Richard Haught Charitable Dentistry Award by the Oklahoma Dental Foundation. Gladden is the first non-dental professional to receive this award.

“Mr. Gladden sets a standard for taking care of patients at Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) and ensures, through his guidance at Delta Dental, that OkMOM is fully funded and that the MobileSmiles Oklahoma program is generously supported,” John Wilguess, executive director of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation, said. “In addition, the Oral Health Foundation provides funding for charitable dental clinics across the state of Oklahoma.”

During Gladden’s 21-year tenure as president, Delta Dental of Oklahoma has achieved consistent growth and now serves half of all Oklahomans who have dental benefits. In 1998, Mr. Gladden was instrumental in the founding of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.

“When we look at the past few years of charitable dentistry in Oklahoma, we see amazing growth and outreach into areas of our state that needed additional help,” Dr. J. Michael Steffen, president of the board of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation, said, “That directly corresponds to John Gladden’s influence and his work at Delta Dental of Oklahoma. John Gladden not only helps financially through the Oral Health Foundation, he stands side-by-side dental professionals during events like OkMOM to make sure all patients are treated in a professional and caring way. His vision of outreach flows through all of the successful charitable dental programs of the past few years.”

The Haught Award, presented by the Oklahoma Dental Foundation, is named for Dr. Richard Haught of Tulsa, the most recent Oklahoman selected as President of the American Dental Association and a national leader in philanthropy. Previous Haught Award winners were Dr. Reiger Wood in 2012, Dr. J. Don Harris in 2013, and Dr. James Lowe in 2014.

### Reese Named MobileSmiles Program Manager



Melissa Reese, a Registered Dental Hygienist and former Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service, has been selected as the Program Manager of MobileSmiles

Oklahoma. Melissa began her dental career in 1997 as a dental assistant for Dr. Wavel Wells in Lawton. She went on to pursue a degree in dental hygiene and in 2008, joined the US Public Health Service. During her time there, Melissa earned a Master of Public health degree in Health Promotion Science.

In this new role, Melissa will provide direction for the MobileSmiles dental units, connect with community site partners, develop training

for site partners, volunteers and staff and envision new ways in which to address access-to-care issues that confront Oklahoma.

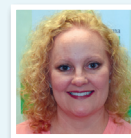
If you’re interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Melissa at [mreese@okdf.org](mailto:mreese@okdf.org) or 405-241-1299.

MobileSmiles Oklahoma is a partnership program of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.



For more information on MobileSmiles, please visit [www.MobileSmilesOK.org](http://www.MobileSmilesOK.org).

### Foundation Expands Community Outreach with Addition of RDH



Ren Reyes, a Registered Dental Hygienist, has joined the staff of Delta Dental of Oklahoma as the Community Outreach Dental Hygienist.

“Having a hygienist on staff will allow our Foundation to expand its educational and preventive outreach programs,” said Terrisa Singleton, foundation director. “We are very excited Ren is bringing her professional experience and love for charitable dentistry to our team.”

Reyes is a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and earned her dental hygiene certification and training at Tulsa Community College. Reyes served as a dental hygienist for Drumright Dental and D-DENT and will continue to volunteer in her spare time.