Sharing health, hope and happiness

2018 Annual Report
Welcome

At the CDA Foundation, our mission is to improve the oral health of all Californians by supporting the dental profession in its efforts to meet community needs. Today, more than 17 years after our founding, we know how tireless this work can be, and yet how equally rewarding. It’s our privilege to be a part of the heart of dentistry, enabling thousands who face barriers to care to access essential dental treatment that relieves pain, restores dignity and instills hope.

In 2018 alone, our CDA Cares events provided $3.1 million in dental care at no cost to create smiles for 3,552 people. Individuals and families realized freedom from pain and infection, increased self-confidence and improved quality of life, while the public and policymakers were made aware of the great, ongoing public health needs close to home.

Last year, we also sustained programs to support Californians who experienced loss and devastation from destructive wildfires. Through our Disaster Relief Grant, we provided emergency assistance to meet the immediate needs of affected dental professionals.

The Student Loan Repayment Grant again provided an exceptional new dentist $105,000 in repayments over three years in recognition of the commitment to practice in an underserved community. By reducing the financial burden for dentists to serve populations in need, we’re increasing access to care for many.

It’s only with the generosity of volunteers, sponsors and donors like you that we can innovate and grow these remarkable programs. We look forward to delivering more smiles across our great state in the years to come.

Thank you for your compassion and commitment to this life-changing work.

Ronald Mead, DDS
Chair, CDA Foundation Board of Directors

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The board of directors for 2018 guided the Foundation’s ongoing efforts to support dental professionals, reduce barriers to care and work to improve oral health for all Californians.

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“Health is the crown on the well person’s head that only the ill person can see.”

— ROBIN SHARMA, WRITER

CDA Cares

CDA Cares is a remarkable event that provides no-cost dental care in communities across California. Over two days in each location, volunteer dentists, with the assistance of other dental professionals and community volunteers, deliver dental treatment to hundreds of individuals who otherwise experience barriers to care. Treatments include extractions, fillings, cleanings and oral health education. Time and resources permitting, root canals, dentures and temporary partial dentures are also provided.

In 2018, 3,552 people received care at CDA Cares in Anaheim and Modesto, reflecting $3.1 million in donated care with 22,172 procedures completed through the work of nearly 3,800 volunteers.
“The dentists really, really take care of you and give you the feeling that they want to do good by you in every way they can possibly do.”

— CDA CARES MODESTO 2018
DENTURE PATIENT
Support from Generous Sponsors

CDA Cares is made possible in part through the generous donations of our corporate sponsors. Their monetary contributions, donations of equipment and supplies and volunteer manpower help transform the lives of thousands of people in need.

Some of the Foundation’s largest supporters — The Dentists Insurance Company, GES, Henry Schein, Sota Imaging, The Dentists Supply Company, Planmeca and Western Dental — allowed CDA Cares to continue to provide essential dental treatment in 2018.

Many of our corporate sponsors have supported our efforts to provide care at no charge since our first event in 2012. Thanks in part to these sponsors, more than 28,000 people have benefited from $23.65 million in dental services provided by CDA Cares to date.

Fluoridation

The state oral health plan is focused on addressing determinants of health, healthy habits and population-based prevention interventions, which includes increasing the proportion of the California population served by community water systems with optimally fluoridated water.

Some of the $30 million allocated annually to our state’s oral health program has been set aside for local projects, and community water fluoridation (CWf) is identified as a qualifying project.

In California, the access to fluoridated drinking water legislation passed in the mid-1990s brought access from just 17 percent of the state’s population in 1994 to more than 63 percent by 2015. The oral health plan’s target is 70 percent, and the CDA Foundation remains on the forefront as a partner in these activities.

CAMBRA

The Foundation has been at the forefront of disseminating research on caries management by risk assessment (CAMBRA®) for the past decade. To expand CAMBRA’s evidence base, the Foundation entered into a multiyear collaboration with the UCSF School of Dentistry to replicate the results of university-based clinical studies in dental offices, assembling a Practice-Based Research Network of dentists (PBRN) and community health centers to collect data on changes in risk level and disease status by practicing CAMBRA protocols. The results of this research have informed best practices in a Comprehensive Caries Management Guide for Dental Professionals.

TYKE

The CDA Foundation’s easy-to-access, online program which increases dentists’ confidence to see babies and young children, using caries risk assessment and chronic disease management principles to reduce the prevalence of dental caries. This program, known as TYKE (Treating Young Kids Every Day), is available online at cda.org and has been completed by more than 1660 dental professionals to date.
Financials

2018

Charitable Care Programs $2,217,275
Grants and Scholarships $480,910
Fluoridation $149,566
Education $53,163
Total: $2,900,914

$0.93 cents of every dollar raised goes to funding programs.

“These people are taking care of me because they care about me. Wherever you go, you need to get involved in your dental society.”

— RECIPIENT OF CDAF DISASTER RELIEF GRANT
“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, It will be happier.”

— ALFRED LORD TENNYSON, BRITISH POET

Disaster Relief Grant

In 2018, wildfires once again ravaged our state. The Camp Fire destroyed 153,336 acres of land, including homes, schools, nine dental practices and one clinic. While the CDA Foundation could not replace what was lost, we did help dental professionals in need through a Disaster Relief Grant.

California dentists, dental staff members or component staff members affected by the wildfires were eligible for a one-time, single-installment grant, which provided financial assistance for immediate and emergency needs including shelter, clothing and food.

The Foundation received more than 95 grant applications from individuals affected by the Camp, Carr, Mendocino Complex and Woolsey fires.
HOPE

Student Loan Repayment Grant
The Student Loan Repayment Grant provides an annual award of up to $35,000 (for a maximum of $105,000 over three years) to assist a recently graduated dentist with repayment of education loans in exchange for the recipient’s commitment to care for the underserved.

The 2018 recipient, Andrea Ustarez, DDS, is a graduate of the UCSF School of Dentistry who credits her personal experiences with oral health care disparities as the driving force behind her interest in community dentistry. She currently works at AltaMed in Los Angeles, a health clinic with the mission to provide care to underserved populations in Southern California.

Nearly 30 years ago, Ustarez and her family immigrated to the U.S. with limited resources and no health care insurance, seeking care only when it was necessary. She pursued her goal of eliminating gaps in the health care system by volunteering at a variety of health fairs and outreach programs across the state. Having spent time bridging the gap in dental care for patients in Ecuador, Jamaica and Honduras, she recognizes that the lack of access to care is a barrier that Americans do not face alone.

“The lack of education, minimal dental knowledge and lack of access to health care is a recurring cycle in my community that has detrimental consequences,” she says. “Information on healthy life choices, such as nutrition, exercise and hygiene, can help reduce their needs and prevent some of the most common health conditions affecting this population.”

She hopes of one day becoming a clinical director and serving as an advocate for underserved communities.

Webb Family Grant
The Webb Family Grant provides an annual award of $5,000 toward education expenses for the individual who is selected runner-up for the Foundation’s Student Loan Repayment Grant.

The 2018 recipient, Ivy Fua, DDS, will use the grant to continue her work as a pediatric dentist serving the Hispanic community of Los Angeles.

As the child of immigrant parents with limited resources, Dr. Fua was the first person in her family to go to college. She graduated from the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC in June 2018, and now dedicates her work to eliminating obstacles for children with special health care needs.

“The CDA Foundation is confident that Dr. Ustarez will extend our reach to improve the oral health of Californians.”

— RON MEAD, DDS
CDA FOUNDATION CHAIR
“You find hope the same way you find happiness. You give it to someone else and borrow a little of it back.”

— ROBERT BRAULT, AMERICAN OPERATIC TENOR
CDA Foundation Humanitarian Award

The CDA Foundation Humanitarian Award is given to California dentists who have distinguished themselves through a lifetime of outstanding, unselfish leadership and contributions to fellow human beings in the field of dentistry. The 2018 recipient, Herbert Lee, DDS, has helped pave the way for students pursuing a career in health care over seven decades. He is a man for all seasons who has a special passion for service through dentistry, mentoring, leadership and philanthropy.

“He had the vision that many of us lack. Along the way, my father’s love for people influenced all who came in contact with him.”

In 1966, Yee was awarded the International College of Dentists’ highest honor for his work in establishing relations with China and Vietnam during a hostile political climate. A U.S. Army veteran, Yee has committed himself to a lifetime of generosity and service that reaches beyond dentistry. In addition to serving on the California Board of Dental Examiners and ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation, he served on the boards of the Sacramento County American Cancer Society and the California State Railroad Museum. Yee and his family also established the Dr. Herbert and Inez Yee Foundation, which supports more than 30 nonprofits in the Sacramento community.

“He had the vision that many of us lack. Along the way, my father’s love for people influenced all who came in contact with him,” said Yee’s son, H. Wesley Yee, DDS.

The elder Yee, who graduated in 1948 from what is now the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, served on the university’s board of trustees for 34 years and established a scholarship endowment. He and his son also created a scholarship fund for students of California State University, Sacramento, who are accepted into dental school. In his hometown in China, Kee Sui District, Sing Tong Village, Yee led the building of a school and ensured scholarships were available for high-achieving students.
Dental Materials and Supplies Grant
The CDA Foundation offers in-kind support to community-based organizations statewide that provide dental care to underserved communities. In this way, dental supplies and materials reach local communities where they are needed most.

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• LA County DPH Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, El Monte, CA
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