



# 2015 Community Benefit At a Glance



Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation



At the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of Delta Dental of Illinois, our mission is to improve oral health in Illinois with a focus on children. We work to accomplish our mission by increasing and improving oral health access, awareness and education in Illinois.

**For more information,  
visit [deltadentalil.com/ddilfoundation](http://deltadentalil.com/ddilfoundation).**

## Land of Smiles



In an effort to combat tooth decay by teaching Illinois children how to properly care for their teeth, characters Tooth Wizard and PlaqueMan visit elementary schools across the state and provide the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation's "Land of Smiles" program.



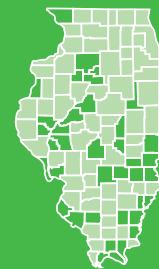
More than  
**35,000**  
children ages 5-9  
educated on oral  
health preventive  
care, including  
**130**  
children with  
special needs.



**148**  
curriculum kits donated



More than **55,000**  
oral health kits distributed



**148**  
schools visited in  
**34**  
Illinois counties

# Community Grants Program



We annually award grants to organizations that are dedicated to educating and increasing access to oral health care for Illinois children.

A grid of 16 white icons, each showing a hand holding a dollar coin, arranged in a 4x4 grid.

**16**  
grants totaling  
**\$150,000**  
donated to Illinois organizations

### Grants will provide:

- More oral health access
- Educate and train oral health professionals
- Expand services to children with special needs
- Educate children and pregnant women

# Wisdom Tooth Award



Annually, we grant a \$100,000 Wisdom Tooth Award to an organization that significantly improves the oral health of Illinois children.

A white icon of a stack of dollar bills.

**\$100,000**  
granted to Central Counties Health  
Centers, Inc. in Springfield

A white icon of a dental van with a tooth on its side.

The grant will help fund the “Check Up Pick Up” Dental Transportation Program to provide at-risk children with transportation to and from the organization’s dental clinic.

# Dentist By 1



It's recommended that children visit the dentist by age 1. The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation's Dentist By 1 program educates parents, oral health and medical professionals about the benefits of early childhood dental visits.

## Oral Health and Medical Interprofessional Training

As part of our Dentist By 1 program, the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, in collaboration with the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, provided interprofessional training events across the state in 2015 to educate oral health and medical professionals about the importance of the age 1 dental visit and providing oral health screenings to young children.



**187**

oral health and medical professionals attended training series, 4 hours per session of CE credits provided



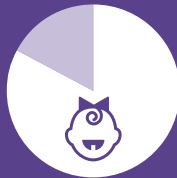
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trainings in Rockford, Elgin, Springfield, Mattoon and Champaign



Collaborative partnership with the Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics and sponsored by Crest/Oral B

## Post event statistics:



**83%**

of participants indicated increased understanding of the recommendation for dental visits by age 1



**90%**

of participants indicated increased comfort providing oral health guidance for families



**95%**

of participants indicated increased knowledge about oral health screening for children with special needs

## Oral Health Professional Training

Through our Dentist By 1 program, we also offered a two-day training event and seminar in Peoria that prepared oral health professionals to provide oral health screenings to young children, along with an opportunity to provide free dental care to children at a community service event.





## Free Oral Health Care

Through partnerships with local oral health organizations in Peoria - Illinois Central College, Peoria County Health Department and Children's Hospital of Illinois - and oral health professionals from across the state, a free day of dental care for Illinois children age 5 and younger was provided as part of our Dentist By 1 program. The free preventive and diagnostic services offered included cleanings, exams, fluoride treatments, sealants and X-rays.



# Oral Health Tools and Materials

Many Illinois children and their families don't have the tools or knowledge to properly care for their teeth. For that reason, we distribute toothbrushes and materials to help increase education and access to oral health care.

 <p><b>230,000+</b> oral health kits distributed (toothbrush, floss, toothpaste)</p>	 <p><b>100,000+</b> oral health educational materials distributed</p>
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# State of Oral Health in Illinois

Through a partnership with the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and Michael Reese Health Trust, the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation is funding a study to uncover oral health care gaps in Illinois. Results will be utilized to identify the areas in which our efforts can be directed to provide care to those who need it most.

	<p><b>Committed in year 1:</b> \$75,000 for an oral health assessment data study</p>
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# Expanding Reach with Support

Thanks to the generous support from our partners, the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation has been able to expand our reach and fund many programs that will continue to significantly improve oral health in Illinois.

Raised over \$100,000 through generous support from:

- Delta Dental of Illinois and its Foundation board members, staff and friends of the organization
  - The Carle Foundation
  - Community Memorial Foundation
  - MB Financial Bank
  - Michael Reese Health Trust\*
  - Crest/Oral B
  - Tesia
  - Medtronic
  - Hinshaw & Culbertson
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- \*State Assessment project partnership