OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

As a non-profit, Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation and Community Affairs strives to enhance the quality of life in our community. In 2014, Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation and Community Affairs awarded over $4M dollars in community contributions to support our mission of improving health through oral health for Minnesotans.

We work to achieve our mission by investing in our community in the following ways:

- Oral health prevention & education
- Supporting leadership in oral health
- Improving access to quality, affordable oral care

Oral Health Prevention and Education

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health, Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation implemented two programs dedicated to promoting oral health awareness, education and prevention activities throughout the state.

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation supported the launch of a new one-stop source for oral health data known as the Minnesota Oral Health Statistics System (MNOHSS). This information system allows dental providers, community leaders, and the public to easily access up-to-date oral health data, track disease trends and quantify dental service use enabling the ability to more readily identify health disparities.

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation also supported a total of seven dental clinic partners to implement the second year of Smiles@School. Smiles@School reaches children at-risk of oral decay in schools and community settings with preventive sealants and education. Dental sealants are a proven, cost effective way to help children avoid tooth decay and stay healthy without interruptions to schooling and daily activities.

Funding Access to Care

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation launched the Dedicated to Minnesota Dentists (DMD) program, the first statewide dental student loan repayment for service program. The Foundation committed $2 million for student loan repayment, for up to 10 qualifying dentists, in exchange for living and practicing dentistry for five years in underserved areas of the state.

In partnership with the Minnesota Dental Foundation, the Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation sponsored the Minnesota Mission of Mercy with a $150,000 grant. The event provides “no charge” care for children and adults in need of dental treatment. In 2014, more than 1,000 volunteers provided over $900,000 in free care to 1,500 patients in Mankato, Minnesota.

Leadership

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation helps recognize and support leaders for their commitment to improving oral health in Minnesota.

This year, the Foundation funded the first Executive Director position of the Minnesota Oral Health Coalition. The Coalition is a public, statewide membership organization that heightens the understanding of the importance of oral health and the need to improve oral health conditions for Minnesotans.

The Foundation proudly announced a new leadership award to Colleen M. Bricke RDH, RF, EdD for her work that has led to significant advancements in the oral health profession and delivery of care. This inaugural award was made in honor of Ann K. Johnson, former Executive Director of Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation.

Additionally, the Foundation awarded the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation $300,000 over three years to create a statewide initiative – Oral Health Zones Minnesota – that works with leaders from early childhood and after-school programs and health clinics to address the oral health needs of Minnesota’s children in a practical, cost-effective way.
Improving Access to Care

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation and Community Affairs works to improve access to dental care, which enables the underserved in both rural and urban areas to get the necessary oral health services they need. We fund events, pilot programs and non-profit community-based clinics throughout the state to ensure the availability of high-quality dental care.
We awarded over 4 Million dollars to 103 organizations to improve the oral and overall health of Minnesotans.

In 2014, our Responsive Grants program distributed 20 grants totaling $650,000 to support improving health through oral health in Minnesota. We also supported 50 organizations through various sponsorships such as walks, fundraisers and other charitable events and activities, totaling $400,000.

In addition to making grants and donations, our mission of improving the oral health of Minnesotans has been supported by the engagement and involvement of our employees. Our employees donated their time, goods, money, and talent to many flash philanthropy efforts throughout the year to support youth and families in need throughout the Twin Cities. We match employee contributions to many nonprofit organizations, doubling the impact, and further exemplifying our commitment to bettering the lives of Minnesotans.
### 2014 Sponsorship and Outreach Highlights:
In 2014, Delta Dental of Minnesota provided nearly $400,000 in funding to more than 60 organizations. Highlights include:

- ALS Association
- Alzheimer’s Association Minnesota North Dakota
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association Greater Twin Cities Chapter
- Bolder Options
- Cancer Legal Line
- Charities Review Council of Minnesota, Inc.
- Children’s Defense Fund – Minnesota
- Children’s Dental Services
- Citizens League
- Early Childhood Family Education
- Family Voices Minnesota
- Fraser
- Friends of the Angel
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Homeward Bound, Inc.
- Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners
- March of Dimes Northland Division
- Mill City Farmers Market
- Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
- Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Minnesota Alliance With Youth
- Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers
- Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation
- Minnesota Children’s Museum
- Minnesota Council on Foundations
- Minnesota Dental Foundation
- Minnesota Dental Therapy Association
- Minnesota Public Radio
- Minnesota State University – Mankato
- Minnesota Timberwolves Basketball
- Monitors Foundation
- National Children’s Oral Health Foundation: America’s ToothFairy
- National Rural Health Resource Center
- Neighborhood HealthSource
- New Millennium Academy
- North Dakota Dental Foundation
- Oral Cancer Foundation
- People Serving People Charities, Inc.
- Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota
- Project for Pride in Living, Inc.
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Susan G. Komen Twin Cities Race for the Cure
- The American Cancer Society
- The Arc Greater Twin Cities
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- United Way of Northwestern Minnesota, Inc
- University of Iowa College of Dentistry
- University of Minnesota Foundation
- University of St. Thomas
- Washburn Center for Children
- Way to Grow
- Women’s Foundation of Minnesota
- Women’s Health Leadership Trust
- YWCA of Minneapolis

### 2014 Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation Grant Highlights:
In 2014, Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation distributed gifts totaling over $3 million. Highlights include:

- Boys & Girls Club of Rochester
- Cancer Legal Line
- People’s Center Health Services
- Scenic Rivers Health Services
- Community University Health Care Center/
  Variety Children’s Clinic
- Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
- Just Kids Dental
- Lake Superior Community Health Center
- Minnesota Alliance With Youth
- Minnesota Dental Foundation
- Minnesota Department of Health
- National Children’s Oral Health Foundation: America’s ToothFairy
- Native American Community Clinic
- North Metro Pediatrics PA
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.
- Open Door Health Center
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Portico Healthnet
- Ready, Set, Smile
- Special Olympics Minnesota
- The Family Partnership
- The Saint Paul Foundation
- University of Minnesota Foundation
- West Side Community Health Services, Inc.

### 2014 Delta Dental of Minnesota Responsive Grant Highlights:
In 2014, Delta Dental of Minnesota awarded nearly $650,000 in funding to more than 20 organizations. Highlights include:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota
- Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area
- Children’s Dental Health Services
- Community Dental Care
- Doorstep Healthcare Services
- Family HealthCare
- Grand Marais Family Dentistry
- HealthFinders Collaborative Inc.
- Homeward Bound, Inc.
- Initiative Foundation
- Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
- Modern Dental Professionals Minnesota, PC
- National Children’s Oral Health Foundation: America’s ToothFairy
- Northland Foundation
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Portico Healthnet
- Prince of Peace/Mission Outpost Dental Clinic
- Southside Community Health Services, Inc.
- Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota