# 2023 Impact Report

**Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation** 

University of Louisville School of Dentistry students volunteering at the Louisville Dental Society Free Smiles Clinic.

### Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation Giving

### **\$2,234,146** DONATED IN 2023

to 106 non-profits in Kentucky with 402,536 Kentucky residents impacted.



The **Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation** is committed to building partnerships with organizations that provide dental care, oral health education and general community support to at-risk and disadvantaged citizens across the Commonwealth.



### \$1,247,126 PROVIDED FOR DENTAL TREATMENT

With financial support, dental clinics can provide quality care and services to people who may not be able to afford treatment.



### \$262,500 PROVIDED FOR ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Delta Dental partners with organizations to advocate on the importance of oral health and how it affects overall health.



### \$648,520 PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Recipients include art programs, cancer support, veterans, women and children efforts, youth welfare, and more.



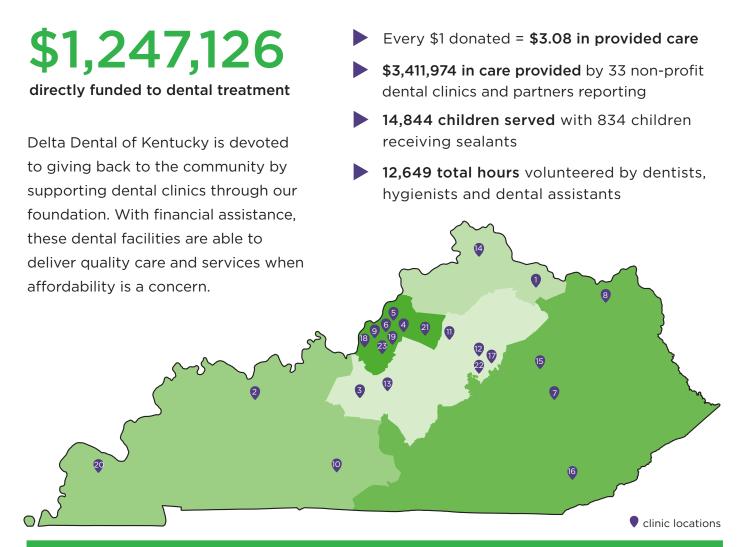
### \$76,000 PROVIDED FOR EMPLOYEE GIVING PROGRAM

Every DDKY employee is allotted \$1,000 to make a donation to a non-profit organization of their choice and in their name. *In 2023, 75 local non-profit organizations were supported by this program.*  In Kentucky, many people struggle to access essential dental care, facing barriers such as affordability and limited availability of providers. As a result, countless individuals go without the preventive and treatment services they need.

Recognizing this pressing issue, the Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation annually provides funding to dental clinics and non-profits across the Commonwealth. In addition to a dental health focus, the Foundation also contributes to non-profit organizations that provide community support in Kentucky. Since 2015, more than \$23 million has been provided to various projects and non-profit organizations in Kentucky, with at least 70% of giving dollars each year directly funded to dental treatment and oral health education.

### At Delta Dental of Kentucky, we believe everyone deserves a happy and healthy smile.

Delta Dental of Kentucky supports clinics and dental facilities across the state, providing those clinics with financial support to care for community members in need of dental services.



#### DELTA DENTAL OF KENTUCKY FOUNDATION SUPPORTED DENTAL CLINICS

- 1. Bracken County Health Department
- 2. Community Dental Clinic
- 3. Community Health Clinic
- 4. The Cornerstone Clinic
- 5. Family Community Clinic
- 6. Home of the Innocents
- 7. Kentucky Mountain Mission
- 8. Lewis County Health Department

- 9. Louisville Dental Society
- 10. Med Center Health Dental Clinic
- 11. Mission Frankfort Clinic
- 12. Mission Lexington Clinic
- 13. Nelson County Community Clinic
- 14. Northern Kentucky Health Department
- 15. The Post Clinic
- 16. Red Bird Mission Dental Clinic

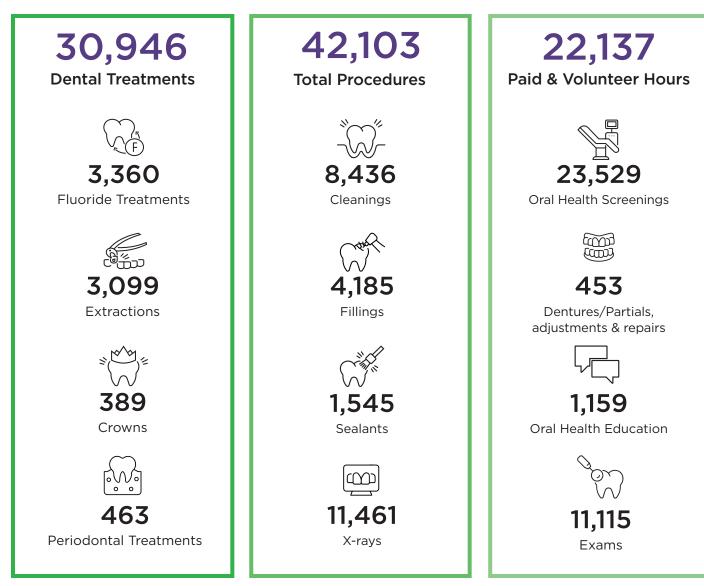
- 17. The Refuge Clinic
- 18. Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center
- 19. UL Dental Kosair
- 20. UL Dental Paducah
- 21. UL Dental Shelbyville
- 22. University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
- 23. University of Louisville School of Dentistry

### Treatment provided by non-profit dental clinic partners

Dental clinics partnering with the Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation offer essential dental services to the most vulnerable Kentucky communities. These services are available at reduced costs, no cost or on an income-based sliding scale.



Our dental clinic partners provided the community with 30,946 dental treatments, 42,103 total procedures and 22,137 paid and volunteer hours.



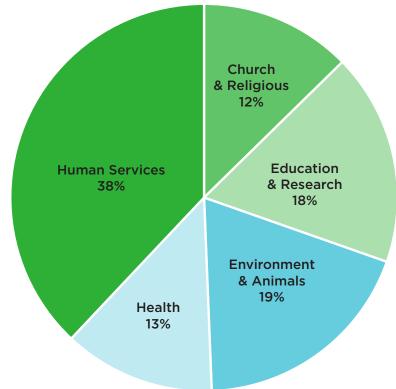
## Employee Giving Program

The Employee Giving Program is an annual program that provides Delta Dental of Kentucky employees the opportunity to donate \$1,000 to the non-profit organization of their choice. In 2023, DDKY employees contributed \$76,000 to 75 local organizations! Through this program, employees supported a diverse group of organizations such as the Kentucky Humane Society, The Center for Women and Families,

USA Cares and more.

Employees have the option to split the donation in half and donate \$500 to two charitable organizations, or, pool employee donations to make a larger donation to a single charity.

The organization(s) must be a 501c3 charitable organization, school, or church located in Kentucky. If an employee lives in Indiana, they are able to choose a charitable organization in Indiana.



### **Employee Giving Non-profit Recipients**

USA Cares • American Heart Association • Dare to Care • Kentucky Health Justice Network • Ronald McDonald House of Charities Kentuckiana • Spencer Christian Church • American Hearing Research Foundation • Center for Women and Families • Home of the Innocents • The Cabbage Patch Settlement House Kentucky Humane Society • Louisville Central Community Center • Hosparus Health • Special Olympics • Holy Cross High School • Sacred Heart Academy Down Syndrome of Louisville • Bluegrass Land Conservancy • Louisville Youth Group • Alley Cat Advocates • St. Jude Children's Research Hospital • Freedom Lake • Camberwell Grief Sanctuary • Kentucky Wounded Heroes • & more!

### Smile Champions Program



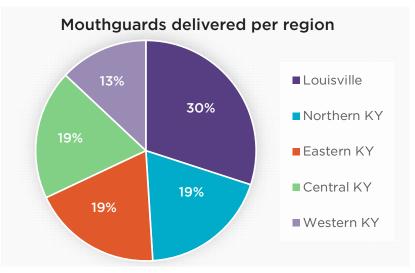
Lexington Christian Academy

In 2023, Delta Dental of Kentucky offered free athletic mouthguards for student athletes around the state. The mouthguards fit over braces, were designed to offer high-performance impact absorption and are ADA-accepted. The response was extremely positive - **73,000 mouthguards, valued at \$1.8 million, were sent across the Commonwealth to schools, teams, and sports clubs.** The mouthguard program reached 99 out of 120 counties in the Commonwealth with 20% of mouthguards being hand-delivered by Delta Dental of Kentucky staff. Due to the program's overwhelming success and impact, Delta Dental of Kentucky will





once again open this program in 2024 for student athletes and coaches. The mouth guards will be available free of charge upon request from coaches, athletic directors or sports program managers.



"We're here to protect smiles and empower champions across Kentucky," Delta Dental of Kentucky president and CEO Jude Thompson said in a news release. "Mouthguards are a key part of sports safety equipment and we want every student athlete to protect their dental health with the best possible mouthguard."

## Community Supported Partners

30% of our funds each year are committed to Kentucky's non-profits providing general community support through arts, education, cancer research, and individual and family services.



Critically Loved

- African American Wellness Walk
- Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation
- American Lung Association in KY
- American Red Cross
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- ARH Foundation for Healthier Communities
- Baptist Health Foundation
- Bellewood & Brooklawn
- Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana
- Black Birth Justice
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana
- Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky
- The Business Hospital
- Camberwell Grief Sanctuary
- Change Today, Change Tomorrow
- Critically Loved
- Dare To Care, Inc
- Day Spring
- Evolve502
- Family and Children's Place
- Frazier Historical Arms Museum Foundation, Inc.
- Freedom Lake, Inc.
- Fund for the Arts, Inc.
- Gateway Community and Technical College
  Foundation, Inc



Louisville Soccer Foundation

- Gilda's Club Kentuckiana
- Heuser Hearing Institute
- Home of the Innocents
- HOPE for Kentucky, Helping Our People Excel Inc.
- Huntington's Disease Walk
- Junior Golf Association
- Kentucky and Southern Indiana Stroke Association
- Kentucky Educational Television
- Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation
- Kentucky Team First Foundation
- Lesley & Rhyan Prather Foundation
- Lexington Cancer Foundation
- Louisville Soccer Foundation
- Louisville Zoo Foundation, Inc.
- Maryhurst Inc
- Masonic Homes of KY Pediatric Day Care
- Seven Counties Services
- Special Olympics Kentucky, Inc.
- St. Joseph Children's Home
- The Humane Society of Oldham County
- Team First Foundation
- Twisted Pink
- United Way of the Bluegrass, Inc
- United Negro College Fund Inc.
- USA Cares Inc.
- Western Kentucky University Foundation

### From our partners

Every year, Delta Dental of Kentucky receives stories and testimonials from our community supported partners and dental clinics detailing Delta Dental's impact.

#### Lincoln Trail District Health Department — ELIZABETHTOWN, KY | \$15,000

Multiple barriers to routine dental care such as lack of transportation and insurance benefits, as well as limited providers in rural areas put certain populations at higher risk for poor oral health outcomes, leading to poor overall health. This funding was used to provide evidence-based education about oral cancer. periodontal disease, and tooth decay, and provide



basic dental hygiene supplies to these vulnerable populations to increase understanding of prevention. We have been able to distribute almost 2,000 kits in our communities to the most vulnerable adults and seniors through existing and new partnerships.

### Red Bird Dental Clinic –

#### BEVERLY, KY | \$100,000

"We are blessed to have Delta Dental as a program partner here in Southeastern Kentucky. Thank you Delta Dental for providing patient assistance for many who would otherwise go untreated. Seeing the smiles and difference we are making in the quality of people's lives, makes this program valuable to the communities we serve!"

Candace Collins, Program Worker



#### HNC Living Foundation — FIVE EASTERN KENTUCKY COUNTIES | \$20,000

"Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to those who've made assistance available when it was desperately needed. Lacking any dental insurance for most of my new journey in life has been a hardship. Along with finding care which was a challenge. Finding this program has been an absolute Godsend honestly. I don't know what I would've done without their help. I just had 5 teeth pulled last week and was in excruciating pain for months leading up to the point where

they could be extracted. I'm still in pain but thankfully it's a different, more manageable pain. I would've never been able to pay for those extractions. Thankfully Delta Dental could and I'm very thankful and appreciative of their help."

**Toni Sears, HNC Living Foundation Client** 

#### The Refuge Clinic -

— LEXINGTON, KY | \$25,000

We are often amazed at the openness and vulnerability of our patients when they choose to trust us with their stories. Daysha chose to share her story with us and we are so grateful to have the opportunity to know her and get to be a place of refuge for her. Several years ago Daysha found herself in an abusive relationship and tragically lost her front teeth when her partner became violent with her one day. Thankfully she was able to leave that relationship and start a new life, but she lived without her front teeth for years. When she found Refuge Clinic, she was elated to learn that her smile could be restored. Our dental team worked with her to create a dental prosthetic flipper to replace her front teeth, fully bringing her beautiful smile back to life. Daysha expressed to our dental team how grateful she was for their help and how she felt a new sense of confidence with her restored smile. She now sees hope and a future when she looks into the mirror instead of seeing a reminder of her past. Restoring a smile truly brings life change to patients' lives.

#### CHI Saint Joseph Health Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ LEXINGTON, KY | \$25,000

Diana was diagnosed with breast cancer in January of 2013. Since diagnosis she has undergone a left mastectomy, hormone therapy, metastasis to the bones, 5 different chemotherapy regimens, and 11 palliative radiation treatments. Due to the toxicity of an aggressive treatment regimen, Diana has significant damage to her teeth. The continuous fracturing of her teeth limits her ability to chew solid foods which has impacted her nutritional needs. The recommended treatment plan includes multiple extractions, implants, and dentures. The high cost prevented her from proceeding with the dental care that she needs. This is a quality-of-life issue for Diana. She was beyond grateful for the Delta Dental grant. At her last appointment, she was in tears as she showed us her new teeth. She said that she is comfortable smiling again.

### America's Tooth Fairy

#### — STATEWIDE | \$5,000



"We all loved the pop-up book, and the kids were excited to get toothbrushes! This picture is of our preschool group. We also incorporated an activity. I laminated pictures of a tooth, then scribbled on it with dry erase markers and washable crayons. Then the kids used slightly damp toothbrushes to brush the tooth clean. Then they could dirty it up again, and repeat! They loved it. Thank you so much for the kit!" Jennifer Sullivan

Anderson Public Library, Lawrenceburg, KY

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Please note figures were calculated based on reports received by non-profit organizations.