

The Minnesota Dental Foundation (MDF) offers financial support and in-kind services for outreach programs that meet the mission of the MDF by providing dental services to underserved populations, by promoting dental health initiatives, or by supporting dental profession career and volunteer opportunities. The focus is on providing resources that will make lasting improvements in the oral health of Minnesotans and enhance the dental profession in the state.

Each year the MDF Board of Directors reviews applications for grants that fit these criteria. Support for programs and oral health initiatives may change each year based upon issues facing the dental profession, but the core principle of benefiting the underserved remains constant. Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded \$13,250 in grants and/or to fund 25 oral health initiatives

### **2004 Recipients**

In 2004, MDF gave \$7,650 in cash to 13 projects. Some of the recipients may have received assistance on more than one project. All of the funded programs help increase access to care for underserved populations.

### **Give Kids a Smile**

The following community clinics received funding and/or in-kind support for the two-day charitable program in February that provides free preventive and restorative dental care to children from low-income families. Grant monies help defray the costs for dental supplies and oral health education materials for the children. In 2004, approximately 5,000 children were seen in 163 community clinics and private dental offices and the services were provided by 1,262 volunteers, which included 353 dentists.

Apple Tree Dental - Minneapolis  
Central Lakes College, Brainerd  
Hibbing Community College Dental Clinic  
Lake Superior College, Duluth  
Minnesota State Community & Technical College, Moorhead  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Minneapolis District Dental Society & Sharing and Caring Hands  
NIP Uptown Community Clinic, Minneapolis  
Normandale Community College Hygiene Program, Bloomington  
Northwest Technical College, Bemidji  
Pilot City Health Center, Minneapolis  
Salvation Army Good Samaritan Dental Clinic, Rochester