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In the Beginning...

- Incorporated in 1946 but was dormant for decades.
- A \$70,000 bequest was presented to the Minnesota Dental Association from the estate of Dr. Robert Reed, Faribault, Minnesota in 1999.



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Today's Minnesota Dental Foundation

- The Minnesota Dental Foundation was merged with the Endowment and Assistance Fund in 2001 and the surviving entity was the Minnesota Dental Foundation.
- 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public foundation.
- Managed by the Minnesota Dental Foundation Board of Directors who are approved by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Dental Association.



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Vision

The vision of the Minnesota Dental Foundation is to eliminate unmet oral health needs in Minnesota.



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Mission

The mission of the Minnesota Dental Foundation is to:

- Initiate and support outreach programs that provide dental services to underserved populations and communities;
- Encourage and support volunteerism within the profession; and
- Promote careers in dentistry, especially in underserved areas.



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Efforts of the MDF

- 682 different projects funded since 2002 as of December 31, 2021
- 47% of the projects in the Metro area
- 51% of the projects in outstate Minnesota
- 2% other
- 2012 assets over \$1M
- 2018 was the first year the MDF raised \$1M



Community Grants

- Started in 2002
- Grants to non-profit clinics that participate in Give Kids a Smile
- Grants to non-profit organizations that have an interest in oral health of the underserved
- Grants to dental auxiliary educational institutions that provide care to the underserved
- Supported by the Minnesota Dental Foundation at about \$50,000 per year



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Donated Dental Services (DDS)

- Managed by Dental Lifeline Network in Denver
- Started in 2003 in Minnesota
- Became a program of MDF in 2012
- Funded by Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation
- Dentistry for veterans, disabled, elderly & medically fragile individuals who cannot afford treatment
- Since its inception in Minnesota, 2,468 patients have received \$14.3 million in dental services
- Should reach \$15 million in free dental care in 2022
- 300 patients on the waiting list



Give Kids a Smile (GKAS)

- Became a program of the Foundation in 2015
- In February 2021, 1,050 children received \$460,000 in free care by 500 volunteers
- Since inception in 2003 in Minnesota, 81,650 children received services valued at \$24.88 million in dental services by 34,828 volunteers
- Funded by 3M Oral Health, Minnesota Dental Association and Minnesota Dental Foundation
- Coach Lindsay Whalen will be the spokesperson for the program in 2022



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Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM)

Mankato 2012, Bemidji 2013, Mankato 2014,
Duluth 2015, Moorhead 2016, Minneapolis 2018
Scheduled for St. Cloud July 28-30, 2022

9,497 patient encounters

6,536 volunteers

45,480 dental procedures

\$6 million in dental services

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Martha Mordini Rukavina Loan Forgiveness Program

- Taconite Assistance Area (TAA)
- Started in 2009 by Northern Minnesota Dental
- Became a program of the Foundation in 2011
- Funded by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB)
- Full-time general dental practice for at least 5 years
- To date there are 7 new dentists in the TAA
- Have funding for more dentists



Dedicated to Minnesota Dentists (DMD) Educational Loan Repayment for Service

- Started in 2015
- Up to \$200,000 of qualified educational loans
- \$2,000,000 provided by the Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation
- Rural Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)
- Cities less than 15,000 population
- Full-time general dental practice for 5 years
- Big Fork, Cook, Deerwood, Ely, International Falls, Montevideo, Mora, Tyler, Walker and Warroad
- Funded by Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation



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Retired Dentist Program

- Started in 2014
- Reimburses a retired dentist for licenses, CPR, professional liability insurance & CE
- Must provide 100 hours per year (about 1 day per month) of dental care to the underserved with no reimbursement
- 5 current participants in volunteer clinics throughout the state
- Have provided \$2.66 million in free dentistry in 3,900 volunteer hours
- Funded by Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation



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Minnesota's Heroes Orthodontic Program

Started in 2015

- Free orthodontic care to children and spouses of Gold Star Families – those families who have lost a family member who served in the armed services since 9/11
- In collaboration with the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists and Smiles Change Lives
- Four children have received treatment



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Dementia Friendly Dental Practices

- Planning began in 2019, program will launch 2022-2
- In collaboration with Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (Trellis) and the School of Dentistry
- To educate dental practices about the growing population of individuals with dementia who have challenges in maintaining good oral health due to changes in their cognitive status and functional ability
- Funding through the Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation, the Otto Bremer Trust and HRSA grant



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Legacy Circle

- Initiated in 2011
- For those visionaries who designate the Minnesota Dental Foundation in their estate planning
- Currently, have 23 members



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Resources

- Dues statements and prepaid dues option
- Annual fund drive in late fall
- Founders Campaign in 2002-2003
- Fundraising Events – Wall of Wine, Gala
- Memorials/honors and bequests/donations
- Legacy Circle
- GiveMN.org, amazonsmile



What can you do?

- Designate the Minnesota Dental Foundation in your estate planning
- Check the box on your dues statement
- Respond generously to the annual campaign
- Remember to honor or memorialize someone with a donation to the Minnesota Dental Foundation
- Cash, check, credit card or GiveMN.org



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Together, we CAN make a difference!

- Check the Minnesota Dental Foundation website at

mndentalfoundation.org



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