

I would like to welcome you...

to the first mailing of the MDS Foundation newsletter. It has been a busy year and I believe the members of the Foundation have worked hard to make sure the money you have generously contributed has gone to help address the oral health needs of the people in Massachusetts. The most recent grant went to the Harvard Street Community Health Center in Dorchester. Several months ago, an urgent request came in for assistance in purchasing a new panorex machine. Their existing unit had broken and was unable to be repaired because of its age. The Foundation made an off-cycle grant to the Health Center to assist in the purchase of a new unit to support the dental care that is provided to the members of this underserved community. Several members of the MDS leadership and myself were invited to the Harvard Street Community Health Center recently to see the new panorex in operation. Several of the dental staff commented on how



Dr. Robert Lewando

grateful they were for the Foundation support in obtaining the new unit and how it greatly improved the diagnostic ability of the clinical staff.

We have also continued to review requests for Ambassador Grants where any dentist in the MDS can request assistance in providing oral health related activities in their community. The Foundation has granted six of these requests since the program started early this year from services ranging from oral cancer screenings, oral health education, to making mouthguards. In all instances, the individuals benefitting from these services know it is coming from the MDS Foundation and the dentists supporting it.

This is your Foundation and the work that we do is on your behalf. It is through our collective efforts that we continue to succeed.

Thank you for your support.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



From left: Drs. Badrieh Edalatpour, Diane Bonanni, Roshanak Ghazinouri, Joy Kasparian-Federico

The main focus of the Ambassador event was to provide custom-fit sport mouthguards to local children and teens. In total, 66 individuals—many of whom play on the local football and lacrosse teams—sat for impressions and received guidance on proper oral health and the importance of wearing a mouthguard to prevent sports-related injuries. Given the retail value of a custom-fit mouthguard, which can range from \$120 to \$200, it's estimated that more than \$10,000 worth of products and services were donated that day.

Congratulations to MDS Foundation Ambassadors Drs. Diane Bonanni and Badrieh Edalatpour, who completed the Foundation's first-ever Ambassador Program event with the assistance of their colleagues Drs. Joy Kasparian-Federico and Roshanak Ghazinouri. The event, which was held in conjunction with the Stoneham Health and Wellness Expo at the Stoneham Middle School, took place on April 2, 2016.



Dr. Diane Bonanni fits Stoneham student-athlete Dylan Doherty for a custom mouthguard.

If you are interested in creating your own event to offer dental assistance in your community and would like to learn more about the MDS Foundation Ambassador Program, please visit massdental.org/ambassador.

MDS FOUNDATION - Targeted Grants

Grants provide individuals and programs with grant opportunities to help increase access to oral care in the Commonwealth.

These unique grant programs are targeted to reach a variety of audiences and maximize benefits. Below is a sample of our most recent targeted grant recipients.



*Sharing
Is Caring*

- 1 Attleboro-based Elder Dental Program** received a \$2,000 grant to assist with the screening process for seniors seeking affordable dental care. The organization assists local seniors in obtaining much-needed oral care at a reduced rate. The discounted care is provided courtesy of area dentists who agree to participate in the program.
- 2 The Children's Dental Center in Gloucester** received \$1,980 to fund 66 school bus transports to the center from the Gloucester public schools. Servicing the children of Cape Ann, the Children's Dental Center is sponsored by the City of Gloucester Health Department.
- 3** The Foundation Board also voted in favor of donating toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss to the **Cape Kids Meal** organization, which provides prepacked bags of food for children who participate in the school system's free and reduced lunch and breakfast programs so that they can receive proper nutrition during non-school hours. With the grant funds, the program will be adding a "dental goodie bag" to the packages to help the children maintain proper oral hygiene.

Metropolitan District Dental Society

The MDS Foundation supported the Metropolitan District Dental Society at the Monster Fun Day in Wellesley on June 25, 2016. The event, hosted by Red Sox Radio (WEEI-FM), catered to more than 3,000 local children who received oral health education, toothpaste (provided courtesy of Proctor & Gamble) and custom MDS toothbrushes and timers. Attendees were able to chow down on ball park-style food, and enjoy live entertainment and photo opportunities with the three Red Sox World Championship trophies and special guest appearances from Red Sox mascots Wally and his sister Tessie.

Photo from left: Adam Lowenstein (dental student) and Dr. Jeff Lowenstein



It is through the generous support of our donors that we are able to fund programs geared toward increasing access to dental care and education. If you would like to help us achieve our mission through a donation or volunteerism, please visit our website at massdental.org/foundation or call **508.449.6076** to speak to a member of the MDS Foundation staff.

If you know of any organizations seeking to expand access to dental care that could benefit from an MDS Foundation grant, please refer them to:

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For additional information on the Foundation's grant programs, visit: massdental.org/grants

Equipment Donation Helps Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center Improve Care to Dental Patients



Patients at the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center's Dental Clinic in Dorchester will be able to access state-of-the-art dental technology thanks to a new digital X-ray imaging unit recently acquired by the facility. An MDS Foundation donation was partially responsible for the purchase of this equipment and the MDS Foundation is inspired by the collaborative success of this project.

"The health center acquiring this unit was a real team effort," says Dr. Raymond Martin, President of the Massachusetts Dental Society. "We're pleased that Henry Schein, the MDS, and our Foundation were all able to work together to provide this important piece of equipment to Harvard Street."



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Named in memory of Dr. Alan K. DerKazarian, who served as the 142nd President of the Massachusetts Dental Society and past Chair of the MDS Foundation.

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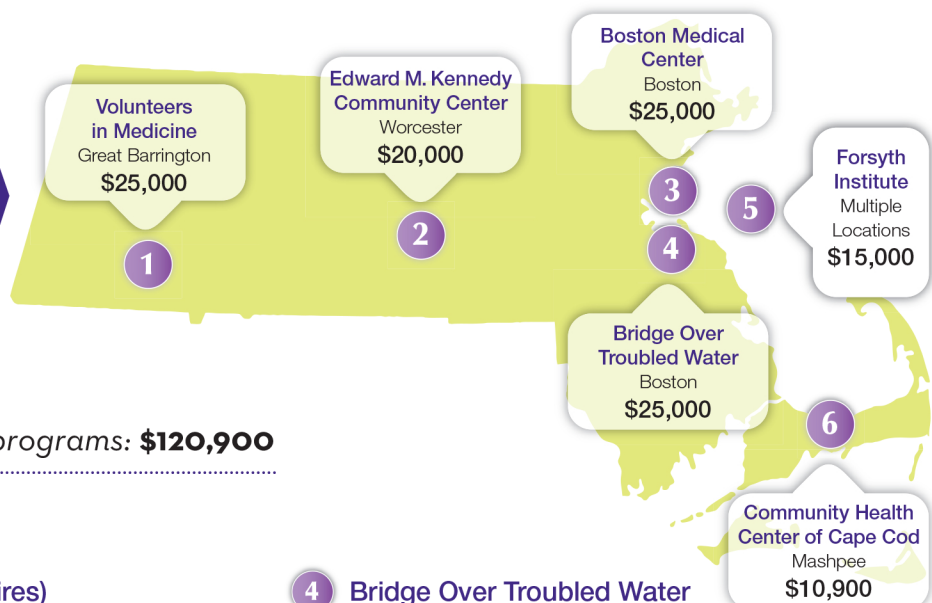
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MDS FOUNDATION

Access To Care Grant Recipients 2015–2016



Total amount for funding these six programs: \$120,900

1 Volunteers in Medicine (VIM Berkshires)

Hire a part-time quality assessment individual for a 6-month program and a part-time dental hygienist which will free up volunteer doctors and allow for more in-depth dental treatments.

2 Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center

Build an additional operator that will increase patient capacity by almost 1,000 visits per year and decrease wait times.

3 Boston Medical Center

Provide implant-supported overdentures to the underprivileged.

4 Bridge Over Troubled Water

Support the cost of day-to-day operations for the in-house dental clinic.

5 Forsyth Institute

To expand the Forsyth Kids School Oral Health Program to provide preventive care to school-aged children, as well as homeless children living in transitional housing.

6 Community Health Center of Cape Cod

Purchase autoclave, mobile cart, Dentrix software, and dental hygiene instruments.



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Ambassador Program

The MDS Foundation
wants you to become a
**FOUNDATION
AMBASSADOR.**

**Being a Foundation Ambassador
is a rewarding experience.**

- Strengthen the connection with your community
- Take on a new challenge
- Meet new people
- Show you care
- Help those in need of oral care

To learn more and apply,
visit massdental.org/ambassador



AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Foundation's Ambassador Program gives MDS members an opportunity to join their colleagues in developing a community service project that benefits populations in need in communities where dentists live or work. The Foundation will donate up to \$2,000 for each approved project.

How It Works

1. **Decide** on your project and submit an application to the Foundation. Applications are available on the Foundation website (massdental.org/ambassador).
2. **Special consideration** will be given to those who develop a program that encompasses multiple areas of support from within their community.
3. **The Program must be supplemented by members** securing matching funds or donating in-kind services. Members must recruit at least one colleague to assist in project implementation.
4. **If approved, participants will receive a Foundation grant of up to \$2,000** to support their program.
5. **The MDS will provide a toolkit** to help members promote their program in their community. The MDS can also provide materials and supplies for certain projects, depending on their availability.
6. **Participants must provide the MDS with a video and/or photographs** from the event to be used for promotional purposes and to recognize members' contributions.

Ideas for Projects

The kind of program you develop is up to you. Projects can include children's dental screenings, veterans' dental screenings, oral cancer screenings, mouthguard programs, or activities associated with Children's Dental Health Month in February and Give Kids a Smile. MDS staff can also assist in identifying possible projects. Members are encouraged to reach out to other members in their communities and seek opportunities to participate in health fairs or at their local community health centers. Members can also expand partnerships with oral health vendors and suppliers to create large-scale programs in their communities.

The MDS Foundation helps members give back.

Questions?

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