

FOUNDATION

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SACRAMENTO DISTRICT
DENTAL SOCIETY

Foundation Annual Report of the Sacramento District Dental Society



By **Carl Hillendahl, DDS**
2024 Foundation President

The Heart of Our Society

Looking Back at the SDDS Foundation in 2024

“It is the mission of the Sacramento District Dental Foundation to promote the oral and general health of the public by serving as the charitable arm of the Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS) and the dental community.”

It has been a privilege to have helped guide and observe our programs, fundraisers and events last year. Thanks to the generosity of both time and treasure from our dental community and friends, 2024 was a great year for our Foundation.

Smiles for Kids (SFK) Screened in Fall 2023 produced enough Smiles for Kids patients to keep four volunteer sites, their doctors and staff busy on 2024 SFK Day. The SFK Day and the follow-up adopt a kid and ortho referrals are great charitable programs sponsored by the Foundation for those underserved children in our community. As always, thanks from the Foundation to those doctors opening their offices (or adopting kids) and the staff who volunteered (see page 31).

Oral Health Education - 1st Tooth or 1st Birthday (1T1B) is our outreach program that prevents prevention early. 1T1B is an ad campaign suggesting that getting your child to a dental home when teeth appear is a good idea to promote dental health in your child. Our Puppet Show is very popular with elementary school health education programs. It is also available in virtual format and is an exciting, fun approach to teaching young children about dental pathology and prevention.

Smiles for Big Kids (SFBK) - This program partners with individuals and community groups, especially the elderly and veterans. SDDS members provide pro-bono dental care for qualified individuals over the age

of 18. Read about their stories in this issue of *the Nugget*. And thank you to our SDDS members who refer those who “fall through the cracks.”

Scholarships - The Foundation has scholarship programs providing financial support for selected individuals. The Bev Kodama Scholarship was awarded to one recipient last year to help with tuition at the FADE Institute’s RDAEF program. Annually 2-3 Carrington College Hygiene students are selected and receive awards from the Foundation. Lastly, four deserving undergrad school students received \$3,000 scholarships as they embark on their dental school journey.



2024 was a great year for the Foundation, we started the year with \$3.3 million in assets and we ended the year with \$3.7 million, thanks so our fundraising, donations and conservative investment practices. Charitable foundations use donations, grants, membership dues, fundraising events and investment income to support their growth and programs. Thanks to the generosity of the members, the dental community, friends

of the Foundation, and investment growth and income, we were able to support our programs and grow by \$400,000. The more assets we have under management, the more robust and far-reaching our programs can become.

Our fundraising events were well received by our entire community. Our Golf Tournament was sold out again in 2024. The weather was great and everyone had a good time.

In October of 2024, the Smiles for Sacramento Gala celebrated 55 years of Foundation existence. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the SDDS Staff and to Dr. Rosemary Wu, the Gala Chairperson and the other members of the committee for their effort in organizing and participating in the Gala. 320 guests attended for an evening of camaraderie, dining, adult beverages, auction and dancing. This event netted \$74k for the Foundation.

The Gala, along with Dentists Do Broadway, Crowns for Kids, Shred Day, Big Day of Giving, Giving Tuesday and Spirit of Giving are all ways to support our wonderful Foundation. And, of course, member dues (only \$75) is so appreciated.

I am looking forward to another great year as Foundation President and I want to thank all the SDDS members and friends of the Foundation for their generosity and support of the programs and events of the Foundation. Here’s to another great year! ■

Carl M. Hillendahl, DDS
SDDF President

2024 FOUNDATION FINANCIALS - LOOK AT HOW WE'VE GROWN!

CURRENT ASSETS

CHECKING / SAVINGS

	2001	2008	2013	2019	2021	2023	2024
Charitable Fund	\$26,399	\$117,878	\$181,110	\$0 (closed)	\$0 (closed)	\$0 (closed)	\$0 (closed)
General Fund <i>Includes SFK/SFBK beginning in 2016</i>	\$15,244	\$173,921	\$484,774	\$963,000	\$1,127,252	\$1,190,280	\$1,428,108
Helen Hamilton Fund <i>Operating, program and grants monies</i>	\$93,776	\$73,668	\$151,128	\$273,102	\$343,525	\$352,567	\$401,488
Perpetual Fund	\$123,680	\$182,672	\$619,182	\$1,230,890	\$1,522,523	\$1,688,756	\$1,840,094
TOTAL CHECKING / SAVINGS:	\$259,099	\$554,287	\$1,460,013	\$2,466,991	\$2,993,300	\$3,231,604	\$3,669,690
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		\$1,750	\$4,031	\$11,204	\$46,565	\$49,630	\$24,847
PREPAID EXPENSES:		\$5,174	\$19,788	\$8,459	\$77,659	\$11,597	\$10,175
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$259,099	\$561,211	\$1,460,013	\$2,486,654	\$3,117,524	\$3,292,832	\$3,704,712

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

	2001	2008	2013	2019	2021	2023	2024
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$304	\$17,522	\$0	\$2,832	\$433	-\$1,856
Deferred Revenue <i>(Other Current Liabilities)</i>	\$0	\$4,119	\$10,301	\$11,438	\$10,770	\$9,295	\$17,815
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$0	\$4,424	\$27,832	\$11,438	\$13,602	\$9,728	\$15,959

EQUITY

	2001	2008	2013	2019	2021	2023	2024
Retained Earnings	\$260,550	\$560,339	\$1,052,822	\$2,157,908	\$2,676,839	\$2,892,955	\$3,283,104
Net Income	-\$1,451	-\$3,551	\$379,359	\$317,309	\$427,083	\$390,149	\$405,649
TOTAL EQUITY:	\$259,099	\$556,787	\$1,432,181	\$2,475,216	\$3,103,922	\$3,283,104	\$3,688,753
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	\$259,099	\$561,211	\$1,460,013	\$2,486,654	\$3,117,524	\$3,292,832	\$3,704,712

ACTIVITY

REVENUE

Fundraisers (net)	\$111,000
Donations & Contributions	\$108,505
Foundation Dues	\$38,282
Program Grants / Contributions	\$39,354
Investments	\$331,154
TOTAL NET REVENUE:	\$744,410

EXPENDITURES

Fundraiser Expenses	\$118,004
Programs / Outreach	\$80,043
Scholarships	\$15,750
General / Administrative	\$140,713
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$338,761
<i>EXCESS EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE:</i>	<i>\$405,649</i>



Goals of the *Foundation*

The Foundation was established in 1969 and is the 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity arm of the Dental Society. Funds raised are used to aid and promote the oral and general health of the public through education, care coordination, service and dental treatment in the fields of preventative and curative dentistry. Our Foundation programs, Smiles for Kids and Smiles for Big Kids, focus especially on children, the elderly and to those who otherwise would not be able to afford it. The Foundation also provides scholarship to (1) students who are entering and currently enrolled in dental school; (2) auxiliary dental team members of SDDS members who want to further their skills and education; and (3) other dental-related scholarship opportunities. Click here to learn more about the goals.

The Sacramento District Dental Foundation is funded solely through contributions, bequests, fundraising events, donation of services, planned giving and grants. For more information on ways to support the Foundation, please visit sdds.org/foundation.

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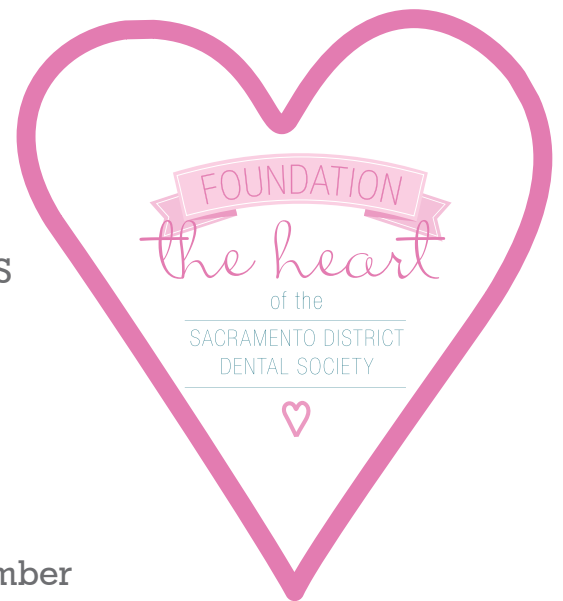
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member of our
Foundation?*

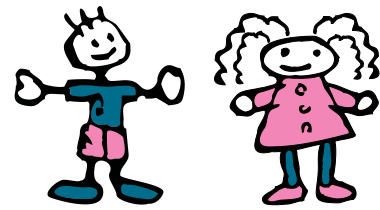
It only costs \$75 a year to be a member of our Foundation. The Foundation funds our Smiles for Kids and Smiles for Big Kids programs!

Will you join? Email us at sdds@sdds.org to become a member and make a difference.

Thank you for supporting the Foundation!



OUR FOUNDATION OVER THE YEARS



Has grown in membership...

500 Members
in 2024

Has continued to support
our community programs

- Smiles for Kids
- Oral Health Education
Puppet Show
- Smiles for Big Kids
- Dental student scholarships
for first year students
- Auxiliary scholarships for
SDDS member team
members
- Since 2014, we've given \$115K
in scholarships to dental
students and auxiliary staff

Thank you for volunteering,
donating and supporting our
wonderful Foundation!

Has succeeded in fundraising
to benefit and fund programs...

GOLF TOURNAMENTS have
raised \$360K since 2008

Four Galas have
raised
\$310K SINCE 2011

Broadway shows have
raised \$80K since 2002

**HOLIDAY PARTY
Silent Auctions** have
RAISED \$160K
(including \$90K Bump Dinners)

**CROWNS FOR KIDS
(FOR SFK) HAS RAISED
\$444K** SINCE 2006



Thank you 2024 Foundation Members

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

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A few words from some of Our Big Kids Patients



...rewarding and fulfilling...

It is so rewarding and fulfilling to have a job. I feel like I can be someone that my children look up to—like a productive member of society. I feel like a completely different person.

- Heather, treated by Dr. Stephanie Shore



...confident employee

I feel like a confident employee now, and that makes a huge difference.

- Patty, treated by Dr. Mark Kujiraoka



so very grateful...

I am so very grateful to The Sacramento District Dental Society for finding a dentist to fix my teeth and give me back my self-esteem and make my smile bigger and brighter than it has ever been.

- Evangeline, treated by Dr. Chirag Vaid



...it feels great

I got my tooth problem fixed up today and it feels great. I really appreciate it!

- Ramiro, treated by Dr. Paul Denzler



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Dr. Tiffanie Sun
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Peggy Daft
Betty Dobak
Donna Drury-Klein
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Annabelle Harris
Adam Harris
Alex Harris
Tamara Harris
Allen Harris
Christie Harris
Harper Harris
Margaret Jackson
Carrie James
Kathy Jones
Marion Jones
Leigh Kurio
Cookie Lawrence
Bruce Levering

Cathy Levering
Teresa Lua
Marcella Oster
Cher Paydar
Gayle Peterson
Shanna Petruzzi
Kim Stiles
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Annette Tomaich
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Tony Vigil
Karen Walters
Dr. Ruby Yu

Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

A Decade of Smiles: Celebrating 10 Years of “The Adventures of Sir Enamel”

Time sure flies when you're fighting cavities! Puppet Art Theater Co. is thrilled to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its beloved dental health puppet show, *The Adventures of Sir Enamel*.

“It can't already be ten years!” exclaims Art Grueneberger, writer and creator of the show and owner of Puppet Art Theater Co. “It feels like just yesterday we were sitting in a room full of dentists, asking them to help us fine-tune the educational content.”

That initial brainstorming session laid the foundation for a show that has since entertained and educated tens of thousands of children. But what's the secret to making a fun and effective educational puppet show? At Puppet Art Theater Co., we have a method that ensures kids absorb valuable lessons while having a blast.

First, we define the show's primary goal. In this case, the Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS) wanted to reduce tooth decay in K-6 students. Then, we turn to the experts—in this case, dentists—to list the most effective ways to prevent cavities. Their

list had about 20 strategies, but cramming 20 lessons into a 30-minute puppet show would be overwhelming. So, we asked the dentists to rank them from most to least impactful.

The top three strategies became the core of the story: reducing sugary foods and drinks, brushing and flossing regularly, and visiting the dentist. With these key lessons in place, we crafted an entertaining adventure where kids could learn without even realizing they were being taught!

An Epic Battle for Healthy Teeth!

In *The Adventures of Sir Enamel*, an epic battle rages inside little Johnny's mouth! The noble protector of teeth, Sir Enamel, is fighting valiantly against the sticky, cavity-causing King Sugar Bug and his mischievous army. But Sir Enamel can't win alone—he needs Johnny's help! By making smart food choices, brushing and flossing, and visiting the dentist, Johnny defeats King Sugar Bug and saves Sir Enamel, ensuring his pearly whites stay strong and healthy.

The show has been delighting young audiences for a decade, sparking laughter



By **Art Grueneberger**
Puppet Art Theater Co.

and cheers while reinforcing lifelong dental habits. And it's not just the kids who love it!

Rachel Malin, the talented puppeteer who has been performing the show since its inception, cherishes the joy it brings to students. “They're learning how to take care of their teeth while laughing and cheering Johnny and Sir Enamel on. It's wonderful!”

From school assemblies to community events, *The Adventures of Sir Enamel* continues its mission, proving that a little laughter—and a lot of creativity—can make a big impact on children's health.

Here's to another decade of fighting cavities, one puppet show at a time!



Oral Health Educational Puppet Shows

Thanks to two very generous sponsors, we are able to offer two educational puppet shows that travel to local area schools informing and entertaining our community's children. We hope the message will make it's way back home and impact the entire family.



PUPPET SHOWS SINCE 2014

1,213 shows
864 schools
96,000 kids have seen
the puppet shows

Smiles

FOR SACRAMENTO

A Gala to Benefit the SDDS Foundation

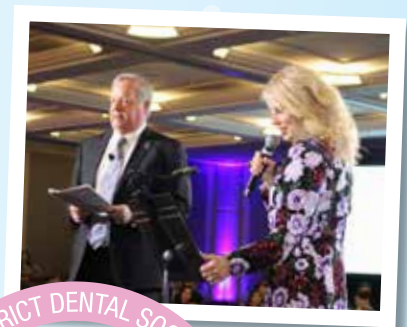
On October 26, 2024 we were overjoyed with the abundance of love and generosity that was shared for the SDDS Foundation and all the good that it's able to do in our community. Everything the Foundation does is made possible with generous donations and participation in events like this year's Gala. **This year, the Gala raised \$74,000 for the Foundation.**



\$74,000

TOTAL RAISED

SDDS MEMBER DENTISTS
HOSTED 320 PEOPLE!



Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

A charitable 501-C3
organization



The Program that Started it All

Our largest and most far-reaching project, **Smiles for Kids**® (SFK) (originally founded in 1991 by Dr. Gerard Ortner and Dr. Don Rollofson) was adopted and expanded by the Foundation in 2003. It partners member dentists with local schools to screen and provide dental education to thousands of children each year. From the screenings, underinsured and underserved children are treated by member dentists and their teams on SFK Day each February. Children are then “adopted” for further pro bono treatment – including specialty and orthodontic treatment. Each year, thousands of dollars in pro bono treatment is provided to children in the five county SDDS area. Smiles for Kids is making great strides toward reversing the disheartening statistics that plague the children of our community.

SMILES FOR KIDS TO DATE BY THE NUMBERS

592,035
Kids served since 1991

1659 School screenings by SDDS Members 



96,022

Kids reached with Puppet Shows

THOUSANDS 
HAVE VOLUNTEERED

\$16.3
million
in Dental Treatment

1,278 Kids received orthodontic treatment since 1996



17,710 KIDS TREATED SINCE 1991

Smiles for Kids 2024

Our Cups Runneth Over with Smiles!

Thank you to all volunteers for our SFK program. We did our best to make sure kids were screened, referred, taken care of, transitioned to existing dental offices and funneled into our program. Thank you to all the dentists who continue to say “yes” to adopting kids each year.



SFK Screenings - Dentists & Teams

Dr. Jenny Apekian
Dr. Charles Beach
Dr. Robin Berrin
Dr. Steven Matthew Bonzell
Dr. Colleen Buehler
Dr. Erin Carson
Dr. Andrea Cervantes
Dr. Christopher Chan
Dr. Juan Chavez
Dr. Connie Chen
Dr. Mark Choi
Dr. Wendell Clove
Dr. Maria Cook
Dr. Tracy Cook
Dr. Paul Denzler
Dr. Julianne Digiorno
Dr. Lisa Dobak
Dr. Melissa Fong
Dr. Camille Ganim
Dr. Mark Hagele
Dr. Adam Haney
Dr. Jamie Hanf
Dr. Paul Johnson
Dr. Richard Kennedy
Dr. Sean Khodai
Dr. Michelle Kucera
Dr. Merlin Lai
Dr. Jill Lingberg
Dr. John Noe
Dr. Dexter Quiggle
Dr. Lindsey Robinson
Dr. Don Rolofson
Dr. Jennifer Ryan
Dr. Nicolas Scordakis
Dr. Gaetan Tchamba
Dr. Dina Wasileski

Dr. Jesse Whitely
Dr. Sevan Yergatian
Deborah Blanchard, RDH
Cali Kids Dental
PCOH
Communicare
Elica
PCOH

SFK Day - Dentists

Dr. Miriam Behpour
Dr. Thais Booms
Dr. Andrea Cervantes
Dr. Nathan Chronister
Dr. Barry Dunn
Dr. Julie Hernandez
Dr. Paul Johnson
Dr. Jose Juarez
Dr. Jamie LaPierre
Dr. Chris Lee
Dr. Fatemeh Mahboub
Dr. Purvak Parikh
Dr. Jyothsna Reddy Sabalam
Dr. Jennifer Ryan
Dr. Matt Sanders
Dr. Rajbir Sanghvi
Dr. Jeff Sue
Dr. Ken Wong
Dr. Dexter Yee

SFK Day - Sites

Ascot Family Dental
Pediatric Dentistry of Sacramento
Sheldon Grove Family Dental
Smile Kingdom Dental

SFK Day - RDAs

Madison Bellin
Veronica Brisenno
Eduarda Camper
Kathy Gillian
Mercedes Lozano
Karley McCrary
Taryn Mullen
Maria Myers
Myia Pelito
Allison Reinig
Danny Sandoval
Ashley Shafor
Jocelyne Valdez
Kimberly Yanez

SFK Day - RDAEFs

Melissa Regino

SFK Day - DAs

Kayla Camper
Mya Claudio
Mercedes Estrada
Gabriella Martinez
Hunter Reinig
Kashia Torgrimson

SFK Day - RDHs

Angie Bout
Sydney Earley
Jessica Caballero

SFK Day - Volunteers

Joseph Cates
Yarely Gasca Reyes
Sofia Gutierrez
Adela Henry
Ian Henry
Justine Intemann-Milligan
Rachel Juarez
Jasmin Nelson
Christine Roy
Bethany Sapigao
Chelsea Shatia
JJ Sue
Mary Torres
Nicole Wates
Addie Wong
Della Yee

Adopt-a-Kid 2024

General Dentists

Dr. Guillermo Arellano
Dr. Wallace Bellamy
Dr. Andrea Cervantes
Dr. Zohreh Eftekhari
Dr. Nagy Elsemary
Dr. Kenechukwu Eze
Dr. Ethan Fox
Dr. Julie Hernandez
Dr. Jose Juarez
Dr. Brian Orcutt
Dr. Purvak Parikh
Dr. David Park
Dr. Sergio Pereira
Dr. Navneet Sahota
Dr. Ahmed Salem

Dr. Charles Smurthwaite
Dr. Joel Whiteman
Dr. Kristy Whiteman
Dr. Raj Zanzi

Oral Surgeons

Dr. Craig Alpha
Dr. Nanlin Chiang
Dr. Jeffrey Delgadillo
Dr. Don Liberty
Dr. Rola Rabah
Dr. Kenneth Wong

Orthodontists

Dr. Gregory Adams
Dr. Thais Booms
Dr. Brian Crawford
Dr. Greg Evrigenis
Dr. Kelly Giannetti
Dr. Michael Guess
Dr. Mark Holt
Dr. Andrew LaFlamme
Dr. Brandon Martin
Dr. Marina Milstein
Dr. Matthew Molitor
Dr. Christopher Myers
Dr. Paolo Poidmore
Dr. Don Rolofson
Dr. Matthew Sanders
Dr. Alan Tan
Dr. Jamson Wu

Pediatric Dentists

Dr. Jessica Alt
Dr. Jude Crutchfield
Dr. Paul Johnson
Dr. Scott Pyo
Dr. Lora Foster Rode

Dr. Jeffrey Sue
Dr. Janice Work

Endodontists

Dr. Audrey Antonenko

MD Anesthesiologist

Dr. Samuel Seiden

Prosthodontists

Dr. Paul Binon

I cannot thank you enough for your help in getting Brayden the dental care he greatly needed. From our first conversation, I could tell you truly cared about helping Brayden and finding a way to get his treatment covered. In working with underserved communities in the county, I often see families struggle to get care and fall through the cracks. Success stories like this one remind me that we can all make a positive difference in our community!

Please extend my thanks to Dr. Sue, the Smiles for Kids program, the Sacramento District Dental Foundation and anyone else who helped Brayden and his family.

ALEXIES CAMBA, PHN
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES



By **Thais Booms, DDS, MS**
SDDS Member

Making an Impact One Life at a Time

As I sit down to write this article about SFK, on a quiet Saturday morning after the MidWinter Convention, I feel honored to be part of a Dental Society that has such a great commitment to its community.

I first volunteered with SFK nearly a decade ago, and the experience was so rewarding that I have made a priority to participate every year since. Giannetti & Booms have been treating pro-bono cases for over two decades, and being involved in SFK and the screening process has made the whole experience even more meaningful. It has

been a privilege to use our unique skills to positively affect someone's life and witness the profound impact.

I encourage everyone to be a part of the heart of our Dental Society by supporting the Foundation. Contribute as you can and watch your generosity trickle down.

Below, I am sharing the story of one of my SFBK patients currently in treatment, Alexis. I would like to say thank you to Dr. Craig Alpha and to Dr. Christy Rollofson-Porrino for also taking care of her. Initially, Alexis was a challenging case – not because of her

dental needs, but due to her deep-seated dental phobia and lack of trust in dentists after previous negative experiences, including unsuccessful orthodontic treatment. It has been incredibly fulfilling to watch her trust, comfort and confidence grow during her orthodontic journey. Alexis was thrilled to share her testimonial, knowing it was going to be published in *The Nugget*. Thank you for reading it. ■

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Overcoming Obstacles

By **Alexis Barner**
Smiles For Big Kids/Ortho Patient

I have struggled with teeth related issues since I was young. Not only was I embarrassed by how it looked, but it did not feel nice at all!

Between bad experiences regarding orthodontists and the finances that would be needed to try again, my dental health was put on hold indefinitely early on. I didn't even realize how much damage had accumulated over time until I was starting to feel more physical pain as I entered adulthood.

Crowding, missing teeth (one or two sunk into my gums; for as long as I can remember I had a gum gap on the one side of my mouth as a kid), extra teeth, cavities in my front teeth that I hadn't

even realized were there. I was concerned on how the fillings would go once that was pointed out to me. And who knows how much more? I had given up. I didn't want to fixate too much on it, years had passed and I was on my own. I certainly couldn't afford it now.

However, it was getting to the point I couldn't ignore it anymore and sought help.

Giannetti & Booms was the first and last place I had to go for that help. Admittedly, I was super anxious and more cautious with them than I needed to be. I was in a place where I had felt defeated. Through them, I was introduced to the Smiles For Big Kids program.

They were so patient and kind throughout the process, talked me through what I found to be the confusing parts, and things only have gotten better and better from there.

They sent me to a surgeon who successfully did his part in rearranging my teeth without any complications. They had sent me to a good dentist to make sure the cavities and cleanings were taken care of as well, and taken it upon themselves to arrange appointments that work best for my schedule, while also assuring I am well taken care of during those appointments. I rarely left an appointment in pain, and that was yet another fear I had regarding seeing an orthodontist. I know it can be a cause of concern for others, too.

If it weren't for Dr. Booms, Dr. Giannetti or Addie Adams - or the many wonderful, friendly people on their team that work alongside them - I never would have known there was still a chance for my teeth. I wouldn't have known that there are programs who would care about those in my kind of situation and be more than willing to help. Thank you all so much.

I write this in hopes that readers know they still have a chance, too. It's all a matter of finding doctors, programs, and people who want to see you succeed. And they are out there.

Smiles For Big Kids is one of those programs.

Giannetti & Booms are some of those doctors.

I am one of those people. ■



Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

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Building Confidence Since 2009

The Smiles for BIG Kids® (SFBK) program kicked off in 2009 to provide necessary dental services to uninsured and low-income adults. While SFBK addresses the dental needs of children, SFBK promotes oral health to adults, provides donated dental treatment for uninsured, low-income adults age 18+ who are in need of urgent dental care, as well as education on maintaining proper oral health. This program is available to all area adults who meet the program's eligibility requirements, and especially targets the needs of our community's low-income elderly population, as well as the parents of children served by the SFBK program. Since the program's inception, nearly \$2 million in services has been provided.

SMILES FOR BIG KIDS
BY THE NUMBERS SINCE 2009

683 PATIENTS COMPLETED
844 PATIENTS PLACED



59
AVERAGE AGE
OF PATIENTS

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY
OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY

\$4100 Average cost per
patient in 2024

PARTNERS WHO REFER

Clara's House | Women's Empowerment
Everyone for Veterans | St. John's Shelter
Project Safe Haven | Refugee Services
Dentists/Specialists Private Referrals | WEAVE



\$1.997 million
in Dental Treatment

FIVE
LABS PARTICIPATING

16 Patients completed
treatment in 2024

Smiles for Big Kids 2024-25

Participating Dentists

Dr. Ashkan Alizadeh
Dr. Paul Binon
Dr. Thais Booms
Dr. Jeffrey Delgadillo
Dr. Justin Diederichs
Dr. Ken Fat

Dr. Michael Favero
Dr. Volki Felahy
Dr. Sandra Fouladi
Dr. Jag Heir
Dr. Wes Hill
Dr. Erica Hsiao
Dr. Alexander Kaplan

Dr. Eger Korolevsky
Dr. Siamak Okhovat
Dr. Viren Patel
Dr. Moji Radi
Dr. Sean Roth
Dr. Matthew Sanders
Dr. Gina Savani

Dr. Stefanie Shore
Dr. Chirag Vaid
Dr. Joel Whiteman
Dr. Clifford Wong
Dr. Eric Young

Participating Labs

Dandy Dental Lab
DDI Imaging
Fusion Dental Arts
Sacramento Cosmetic Dental Lab



Making a Global Impact!

Blue Star Moms is an official chapter of The Blue Star Mothers of America Inc., a national organization that is comprised of mothers and stepmothers of sons and daughters who serve or have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Our SDDS member and a member of Blue Star Moms, Dr. Friz Diaz, recently requested a donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste for packages they were putting together for troops in the Middle East. Dr. Friz Diaz's daughter, Jereen, is a Captain and her husband, Richlin, is a Major in the Army.



“Some of the soldiers in my daughter's unit in the Middle East. They got their care packages today...**Look at their smiles...Priceless!!!**”

DR. FRIZ DIAZ
SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER



Dr. Diaz's daughter, Jereen, her husband, Richlin, and their kids...Sofia, Olivia and RJ. This was taken the night before she deployed to the Middle East in September 2024.



Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

Turning Scrap Metal into Smiles

In 2005, the Foundation partnered with Star Dental Refining, a metal refinery and began **Crowns for Kids**® (CFK) to benefit Smiles for Kids. In this program, member dentists collect scrap metal from their patients' dental treatment in CFK jars, the jars are collected and sent to the metal refinery, and the refinery sends a check to the Foundation each month. Since 2006, CFK has raised \$444,226 – and it all goes to benefit SFK!

Powered by  **STAR DENTAL REFINING**



Do you have a Crowns For Kids Jar in Your Office?

It's one of the easiest ways to support the SDDS Foundation. All you have to do is call Elizabeth Reynoso at (209) 623-9332, she'll drop off a jar for you and you call her when it's full or when you want it to be picked up. She'll bring an empty jar when she picks up and that's it! Super simple. We encourage you to join the ranks of your colleagues listed on page 42!



CROWNS FOR KIDS - *Call us for a jar pickup* Totals since the beginning of the program

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2007
# repeat donors	90	102	100	114	62	106	110	111	79	128	110	130	110	87	47
# new donors	0	3	2	6	4	4	3	14	4	16	14	15	20	32	44
# pickups	91	105	101	120	66	109	116	125	83	144	124	145	133	120	93

CROWNS FOR KIDS HAS RAISED TO DATE...

2006 **\$9,351**

2007 **\$15,126**

2008 **\$9,054**

2009 **\$30,645**

2010 **\$26,031**

2011 **\$24,449**

2012 **\$38,009**

2013 **\$27,782**

2014 **\$22,628**

2015 **\$20,292**

2016 **\$17,415**

2017 **\$28,857**

2018 **\$19,365**

2019 **\$25,220**

2020 **\$22,060**

2021 **\$28,926**

2022 **\$33,033**

2023 **\$25,529**

2024 **\$20,454**

GRAND TOTAL
\$444,226

Ways You Can Support the Foundation

The Sacramento District Dental Foundation is funded solely through contributions, bequests, fundraising events, donation of services, planned giving and grants. Funds raised are used to aid and promote the oral and general health of the public through education, service and treatment in the fields of preventative and curative dentistry. How fortunate we are!

Foundation Members

Raised \$38,000 in 2024

Being a member of the Foundation is the easiest way to help support the Foundation. It's only \$75 a year.

Donors/Contributors

Raised \$108,000 in 2024

There are so many ways to donate to the Foundation. You can make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, attend or participate in one of the events listed on this page, you can send a check, call in with a credit card or visit the website to make a donation to the Foundation! Visit www.sdds.org/foundation/donate-become-a-member/ learn more and donate.



Swing for Smiles Golf Tournament

Raised \$32,300 in 2024

There are multiple ways to get yourself involved in this awesome annual event! You can sign up yourself as a single golfer and get placed with a team, or grab three of your friends and sign up as a foursome! There are also lots of great sponsorship opportunities: sponsor anything from a tee or green all the way up to lunch for the day!

The Swing for Smiles Golf Tournament is a great day of golf, fun with friends and vendors all in support of our wonderful Foundation!

Other Ways to Give

- ✓ Adopt
- ✓ Volunteer

Crowns for Kids

Raised \$20,454 in 2024

Get one of our Crowns for Kids (CFK) jars to collect scrap metal from patients' dental treatment! The jars are collected and sent to the metal refinery (Star Dental Refining), and the refinery sends a check to the Foundation each month. When you have a few crowns collected (jar does not need to be full!), call SDDS at 916-446-1227 for a pick up! Over the years, there's been over 1,600 pick ups, with a total of \$423,772 raised.

Dentists Do Broadway and Music Circus

Raised \$1,000 net in 2024

If you enjoy theater and Broadway shows, consider buying tickets through us! When you buy your Broadway/Music Circus tickets through SDDS the proceeds benefit our Foundation! Luckily, we started back to the theater in 2023!

Gala/Silent Auction/Holiday Party

Raised \$74,000 in 2024

Gift items to be used in our Holiday Party Silent Auction or as raffle prizes are always appreciated. (Bump dinner listed below)

Shred Day

Raised \$1,000 in 2024

The shred event is free to SDDS Foundation members who have less than 10 boxes to shred. If they have 10 or more boxes, we ask that a \$100 donation be made to the Foundation. For SDDS members who are not members of the Foundation, it is \$100 for 1-9 boxes and an additional \$100 for 10 or more boxes. A great member benefit!



Big Day of Giving/Giving Tuesday/Spirit of Giving

Raised \$4,500 in 2024

These are specific days that happen annually to help non-profits reach out to the community for donations.

In lieu of sending holiday treats or thank you gifts to colleagues, make a donation in their honor to the SDDS Foundation. The SDDS staff will send a note on your behalf notifying them of your contribution.



Scan here to
Donate to the
Foundation



We're Where We are Because of These Amazing Contributors

Thanks to these generous contributors for providing the large contributions that gave our Foundation the “beginning bump” it needed. This has allowed the Foundation to provide goods and services to our members and community to help increase oral health.

\$156,000 (since 2022) Dr. Wai Chan & Dr. Ruby Yu Dental Student Scholarship

The Foundation was honored in 2022 that Dr. Chan and Dr. Yu pledged to the perpetual fund a wonderful opportunity for CNU Dental Students! They have committed to the perpetual fund a \$600,000 donation, paid yearly through 2030. In 2031, a scholarship will be awarded to one CNU dental student each year in the amount of \$5,000 per year for four years, totaling \$20,000 for each student awarded. This scholarship recognizes the Society's and Foundation's commitment and partnership to California Northstate University's School of Dental Medicine and their wonderful students. Thank you, Dr. Chan and Dr. Yu! ■



\$217,000 (2013) Robert & Lolita Oates Charitable Trust

Given to the Foundation by the parents of Past President Dr. James Oates and his brother, Edward Oates; given to the Perpetual Fund and the largest gift the Foundation has ever received. This donation will continue helping to provide opportunities for our Foundation's goals and purposes now and in the future. ■



\$86,000 (since 2014) The Yee Family Dental Student Scholarship

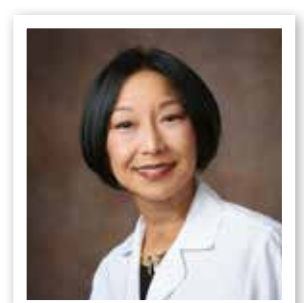
This dental scholarship began in 2014 to assist our new dental students matriculating from CSUS. The Yee Family has a heart for higher education, and recognize the costs of dental school for future dentists. In honor of the partnership SDDS has with the CSUS Pre Dental Club, the Yee Family Scholarship wants to pay it forward, since more than 15 members of the Yee Family are dentists! The Yee family continues to donate funds to this scholarship. ■



\$75,000 (2018) The Dr. Beverly Kodama/Delta Dental Foundation Scholarship for Allied Education

Dr. Kodama (who served on the Delta Board of Directors) partnered with Delta Dental Foundation to establish a scholarship to help defray the educational costs for dental assistants and other allied team members. Dr. Kodama always felt that allied team members were the heart of a dentist's practice and wanted to give back to that cause so that other dentists will benefit from wonderfully trained staff. Geared specifically toward the dental assistants and also the EF curriculum, the SDDS Foundation is in partnership with FADE (the Foundation for Allied Dental Education) to help defray costs for those applicants who qualify.

While Dr. Kodama is no longer with us, her legacy and passion for allied team members carries her memory on. ■



Thank you!

to our Smiles For Kids and Smiles for Big Kids
2024 Grantors and Sponsors!



Thank you to the following for their gracious donations in 2024:

Cash Donations

Dr. Kim Lucas Benton
Dr. Jennifer & Scott Goldman
William J. Codiga Family Fund
Gordon & MaryAnn Harris
Family Fund

Karen Harris
Mrs. Cookie Lawrence

Supply Donations



GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE YEARS—SINCE 2001

Year Received	Program	Amount Awarded
Access Dental Plan		
2023	SFK	\$10,000
ADA Foundation		
2014	SFK	\$10,000
2003	SFK	\$15,000
ADA Foundation - Harris Grant		
2010	1T1B	\$5,000
California Endowment		
2010	SFK	\$25,000
California Wellness Foundation		
2015	SFBK	\$150,000
CDA Foundation		
2011	SFBK	\$10,000
2010	SFK	\$10,000
2008	SFBK	\$10,000
2007	SFK	\$9,250
Center for Oral Health		
2023	SFK/SFBK	\$7,500
CPS Community Action Network		
2004	SFK	\$2,500
Del Webb Foundation		
2016	SFK	\$20,000
2014	SFBK	\$25,000
Delta Dental		
2018	Scholarship	\$75,000
2011	SFBK	\$20,000
2004	SFK	\$10,000
DentaQuest		
2023	SFK	\$5,000
Dignity Community (CHW) Grants		
2023	SFK (Yolo)	\$53,485
2012	SFK/BK	\$50,000
2011	SFK	\$40,000
2010	SFK	\$25,000
2009	SFK	\$25,000
2008	SFK	\$20,000
Foundation of Allied Dental Education EF Students		
2023	Kodama Scholarship	\$1,908
First 5 Children's Coalition/ Cover the Kids		
2006	SFK	\$22,500
Health Net		
2021	SFK	\$10,000
Henry Schein Foundation (Supplies)		
2023	SFK/SFBK	\$25,000
Henry Schein Supplies Grant/CDA Foundation		
2014	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2013	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2012	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2010	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2008	SFK	\$50,000
LIBERTY Dental Plan		
2023	Puppet Show	\$30,000
2021	SFK	\$10,000

Year Received	Program	Amount Awarded
Kaiser Community Benefit		
2012	SFK	\$20,000
Oates Charitable Trust		
2013	Perpetual Fund	\$217,000
Oral Health Fndn of the Pierre Fauchard Academy		
2024	SFBK	\$5,000
2020	SFK	\$5,000
2020	SFBK	\$7,500
2018	SFK	\$5,000
Patterson Foundation		
2016	SFK	\$10,000
2014	SFK	\$13,400
Ronald McDonald House Charities		
2014	SFK	\$2,500
2009	SFK	\$10,000
2004	SFK	\$6,667
Rotary Club of Sacramento/ Bids for Kids (BFK)		
2005	SFK	\$65,725
Rumsey Community Fund		
2004	SFK	\$2,500
Sacramento District Dental Society		
2024	Contribution	\$25,000
2023	Contribution	\$25,000
2021	Contribution	\$40,000
2016	Contribution	\$15,000
2015	Contribution	\$10,000
2014	Contribution	\$10,000
Sacramento Region Community Foundation/ Give Something Back Fund		
2006	SFK	\$1,054
2005	SFK	\$1,216
Sacramento Region Community Foundation/ Knapp Fund		
2021	SFK	\$7,000
2019	SFK	\$5,000
2018	SFK	\$5,000
2017	SFK	\$5,000
2016	SFK	\$5,000
2015	SFK	\$5,000
2014	SFK	\$1,000
2013	SFK	\$5,000
2012	SFK	\$1,000
2011	SFK	\$1,000
2010	SFK	\$1,000
2009	SFK	\$1,000
2008	SFK	\$1,000
2007	SFK	\$1,000
2005	SFK	\$1,000
2004	SFK	\$1,000
Sacramento Region Community Foundation/ Luchetti Fund		
2004	SFK	\$3,333

Year Received	Program	Amount Awarded
Sierra Health Foundation		
2007-2009	SFK	\$122,000
2005	SFK	\$32,863
2004	SFK	\$10,000
2003	SFK	\$10,000
Sutter Health Sac Sierra Region (sponsorship, not grant)		
2023	Puppet Show	\$3,000
2021	Puppet Show	\$1,500
2020	Puppet Show	\$2,500
2019	SFK/Puppet Show	\$2,500
2018	SFK/Puppet Show	\$2,500
2017	SFK/Puppet Show	\$2,500
2016	SFK	\$2,500
2015	SFK/1T1B	\$2,500
2014	Gala	\$2,500
2014	SFK	\$2,500
2012	SFK/1T1B	\$40,000
Teichert Foundation		
2009	SFBK	\$5,000
Umpqua Healthcare Banking/Columbia Bank		
2024	SFK	\$10,000
2023	SFK	\$10,000
United Concordia		
2024	SFK	\$3,500
2023	SFK	\$3,500
2020	SFK	\$3,500
2019	SFK	\$3,500
2018	SFK	\$3,000
2017	SFK	\$2,500
2016	SFK	\$2,500
2015	SFK	\$2,500
2014	SFK	\$3,500
2013	SFK	\$3,500
2012	SFK	\$2,500
2011	SFK	\$2,500
2010	SFK	\$2,000
Wells Fargo		
2013	SFK/SFBK	\$5,000
Yee Family Fund		
2014-2024	Scholarship	\$86,000
Yu & Chan Scholarship Fund		
2022-2024	Scholarship	\$156,000

Scholarship Grants	\$317,000
Pledges/Contributions	\$1,086,678
Programs: Grants and Contributions	\$1,898,597

Total \$3,302,275

Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW

UPDATES FROM A FEW
OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS

Dalia Lopez-Pelayo
California Northstate University

Hello, my name is Dalia and I am a first year student at California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine. I am in the third trimester of the year and I have had some great experiences so far. I have enjoyed my courses these past two trimesters and getting to know each of the faculty teaching the courses. I am the D1 representative of CDA for my school and so far I have had the opportunity to go meet the representatives of the different schools, the House of Delegates in Los Angeles, and Student Advocacy Day in Sacramento. I am excited that very soon I will get to experience CDA Presents with the other dental students! I have also had the opportunity to get involved in research with some close friends in my cohort and we participated in CNU's Research Symposium in March. I did not expect to get so involved in my first year but the faculty and the cohorts ahead of me are so kind and helpful. As our school continues to grow and develop, I see that it really is one big family!



Yee Family and Sacramento District Dental Foundation DENTAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

YEE FAMILY

- 2024 **Billal Anwary**
University of Las Vegas
- 2024 **Osbaldo Albarran Montoya**
UC San Francisco
- 2023 **Nicholas Her**
UCLA School of Dentistry
- 2023 **Tala Sawaqed**
Temple University
School of Dentistry
- 2022 **Jordan Swindle**
University of Southern California
- 2022 **Alejandro Albarran Montoyo**
University of the Pacific
- 2021 **Ashley Velasquez**
Tufts University
- 2021 **Sam Morrar**
University of Southern California

- 2020 **Marc Toma**
Western University College
of Dental Medicine
- 2019 **Kylee Homecillo**
Western University College
of Dental Medicine
- 2018 **Kevin O'Brien (Kenji)**
University of the Pacific
- 2018 **Anthony Luong**
Western University
Health Sciences
- 2018 **Andy Dinh**
UCLA School of Dentistry
- 2017 **Alicia Lucich**
University of Las Vegas School
of Dental Medicine
- 2016 **Paul Dubinetsky**
Roseman University of Health
Sciences, College of Dental Medicine

- 2015 **Soniya Patidar**
Western University
Health Sciences
- 2015 **Yana Gerhardt (Shcherbanyuk)**
Arizona School of Dentistry
& Oral Health (ASDOH)
- 2014 **Svetlana Guevara-Lara**
UCSF Dental School
Currently practicing in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT DENTAL FOUNDATION

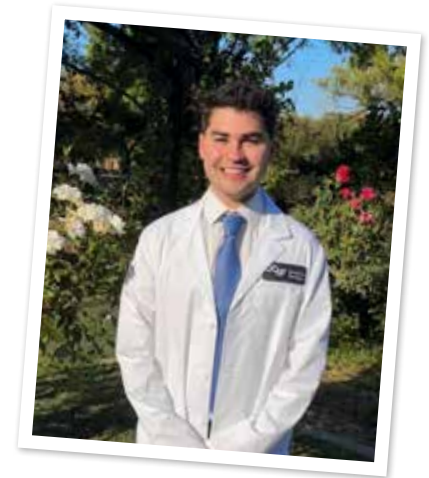
- 2024 **Sarah Jundi**
Oregon Health Science School
of Dentistry
- 2024 **Dalia Lopez-Pelayo**
California Northstate University



Sarah Jundi
Oregon Health Science School of Dentistry

I started dental school in August of last year. Time truly flies when you are working hard and learning new things. My transition into dental school has involved adjusting to the heavy didactic work load, while also learning new hand skills. In the simulation clinic we have done many preps and become proficient at both amalgam and composite restorations. More recently I started using my

loops, which was a learning curve in itself. We have also been participating more in clinic through assisting third and fourth year students. My transition has also involved becoming acclimated with a new city. I completed my entire education prior to dental school in Sacramento. Moving to a new area has been exciting in many ways. A few weeks ago in sim clinic, when we were learning how to a class 2 amalgam preparation, many of us witnessed our first snow fall! My first year of dental school is nearly over and I feel like I have a wealth of knowledge and skills that I will take forward in the rest of my education and in my career.

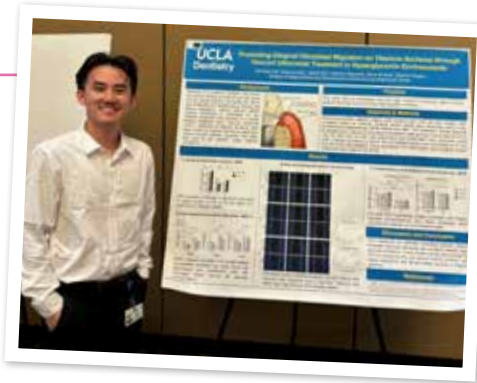


Osbaldo Albarran
UCSF School of Dentistry

I'm currently wrapping up my third quarter of dental school—just a few more weeks until I'm officially a second-year! It's been a whirlwind of learning, laughter, and lots of drilling. Life in the city has been incredible; there's always something new to explore, and the food scene never disappoints. I've been spending a lot of time in the simulation lab honing my hand skills, and despite the long hours, I genuinely enjoy the process. The people I've met here—classmates, faculty and patients—make the experience all the more rewarding.

Nicholas Her
UCLA School of Dentistry

My name is Nicholas Her, and I am currently a second-year dental student at the UCLA School of Dentistry (class of 2027). I earned my undergraduate degree from Sacramento State University in 2022 as a proud recipient of the Herb and Inez Yee Family Scholarship. Today, I'd love to share a glimpse into the ever-evolving journey of a modern dental student.



Dental school has been nothing short of a rollercoaster—filled with both challenges and moments of excitement. While I once thought my first year was demanding, the second year has proven to be an even greater test of endurance, skill and adaptability. At UCLA, the bar is continuously raised, pushing us to master what feels like a million oral pathologies, manage patients undergoing periodontal maintenance in the clinic, and refine our pre-clinical techniques—such as the countless hours spent perfecting root canals in the simulation lab. However, that's not to say I haven't enjoyed my time learning about dentistry. Dentistry is fascinating, and almost every day I learn something new that amazes me at UCLA inside and outside of the classroom. One of the most valuable lessons I've learned is to approach every experience with the mindset of a sponge—soaking up every piece of knowledge and wisdom I can during my time here. Being at an institution like UCLA is a privilege, and the opportunity to learn from some of the best minds in dentistry is not one I take for granted. Many of my professors offer wisdom and expertise that extend beyond the curriculum. They share pearls of wisdom that are only uncovered by asking questions and seeking to learn beyond the curriculum.

The transition into the clinic and the heightened expectations of excellence from UCLA have shaped me not only as a student but also as a person. With each new challenge, I've gained perspective and an even greater appreciation for the art and science of dentistry (as well as a higher mental pain tolerance). (Nephew of Dr. Poge Her, SDDS member)

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