



DELTA DENTAL OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS AREA INITIATIVES, AWARDS \$77,500
CrossOver Healthcare Ministry accepts \$5,000 Smart Smiles® check.

HENRICO, Va. (June 14, 2019) – In a continued effort to achieve its mission to improve the oral health of Virginia residents, the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation awarded \$411,500 this year in total grants to fund research, educational outreach and various programs designed to improve the overall oral health of uninsured or underinsured Virginians. Many of the grants focus on key areas of need throughout the Commonwealth – the state's youth, the uninsured and medically underserved population, and dental professionals in training.

Throughout Henrico County and the City of Richmond, five organizations received Smart Smiles grants totaling \$77,500 to support oral health initiatives throughout the region.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Program</i>
CrossOver Healthcare Ministry	Salary support and supplies
Special Olympics Virginia, Inc.	Support Special Smiles clinic
Virginia Dental Association Foundation	Expand access to care
Virginia Health Care Foundation	Dental Opportunities Champion
Virginia Oral Health Coalition	Online toolkits promoting oral health care during pregnancy

Pictured is CrossOver Healthcare Ministry. “It truly takes a village to help our patients. Delta Dental has been a loyal partner in every dental success and oral health improvements our patients have made. Each person’s journey to better health begins with individuals and organizations like Delta Dental who do more than wish it into existence. We are grateful to Delta Dental for their funding of salary support, equipment, and supplies which enables us to provide outstanding care to our patients,” remarked Kerri Reed, Senior Programs Manager Dental & Vision Services.

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry provides compassionate, high quality healthcare to the uninsured and the medically underserved in our local community through the operation of two healthcare clinics; one in the City of Richmond and one in Henrico County. CrossOver is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers comprehensive healthcare services to its patients, including: primary care, specialty care, dental, vision, behavioral health, HIV/AIDS care, OB/GYN, medications and medications management, and social work and case management. 64% of the healthcare services delivered to CrossOver patients are provided by volunteers.

CrossOver’s Dental Program offers an array of services to patients including cleanings, screenings, fillings, extractions, dentures, and education. In Fiscal Year 2018, CrossOver provided 3,985 dental visits to uninsured patients in our local community.



Pictured: Chris Pyle, VP of Marketing & Government Relations, Delta Dental of Virginia; Julie Bilodeau, CEO of CrossOver Healthcare Ministry

Delta Dental of Virginia believes in the power of a healthy smile and, together with these organizations, is improving oral health in Virginia and strengthening our communities. “Positive outcomes in oral health and wellness are best accomplished from within these close-knit communities and these inspiring organizations share our enthusiasm for improving the health of Virginia’s underserved,” said Frank Lucia, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Virginia. “That is why the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation is passionate about providing the vital resources these organizations need to serve target populations through creative and effective programs.”

The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation has provided more than \$4.6 million in total funding to 74 organizations throughout the past seven years. [Click here](#) to see the full list of 2019 Smart Smiles in the Community grant recipients and [read more](#) about what these organizations are doing to improve oral health in the communities they serve.

About Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation

Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation was founded in 2012 by Delta Dental of Virginia to help improve the oral health and, subsequently, overall health of all Virginians. The foundation focuses its support on initiatives that improve oral health through improved access to oral care, oral health education and oral health research. For more information, visit DeltaDentalVA.com/ddvafoundation.aspx.

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