



The Smile Report

Highlighting Our Impact on Arizonans' Health & Well-being



Mouth Healthy Cookbook

Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health (NOAH) and Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation announce the release of the "Mouth-Healthy Cookbook," a free cookbook made in collaboration with nutritionists and oral health experts featuring nearly two dozen easy-to-make recipes that promote whole-person health for the entire family.

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Grantee Spotlight: Esperança

Cavities, sometimes known as "caries" or tooth decay, are one of the most common chronic diseases among children in the United States. Kids with poor oral health often miss more school and get lower grades than kids without oral health issues.

Tooth decay can be painful and can cause self-esteem problems, anxiety, a distraction from play and learning, and absenteeism from school.

It's a hard problem, but one that's being tackled head on by one of our amazing Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation grantees, Esperança.

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Michael Jones, CEO & Foundation Board Chair



Meet our new CEO & Foundation Board Chair

“I am exhilarated to be joining Delta Dental of Arizona given its competitive market position and outstanding reputation for delivering quality customer service,” said Jones. “I look forward to building on this reputation as I collaborate with the Board, our management team, employees and our provider partners to improve the oral health of even more Arizonans.”

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2021 Foundation Wrap Up



See how we're working together to improve oral health

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation worked diligently in 2021 to provide funding to oral health education programs, school-based screening/varnish/sealant programs and programs that provide dental services to children and seniors throughout the state.

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POP QUIZ TIME

Question: Adults with lower incomes have the same amount of tooth decay as adults with higher incomes? True or False.

Answer: False. More than half of working-age adults experiencing poverty have untreated carries. Only 1 out of 5 adults with incomes above the poverty level have untreated caries.



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Volunteer Spotlight:

**Jayne Williams,
Marketing & Communications
Manager, Delta Dental of Arizona**

Meet Jayme Williams, our marketing & communications manager! To support valley food banks, she and her family picked fruit with other Delta Dental of Arizona associates during February's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

"I love volunteering with Delta Dental because I believe it teaches not just me, but our kids about the importance of having empathy and giving to others," said Williams. "Even the power of a smile can have the potential to turn a life around. Imagine the impact one can make by serving others."

Click the link below to watch a recap of this community event.

[Watch Now >](#)

Board Member Spotlight:

**Dr. Bruce Spigner, Board Member
Delta Dental of Arizona &
Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation**

Dr. Bruce Spigner, a Delta Dental of Arizona corporate board member, joined the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation board in 2017. This year he will complete his second and final three-year term helping decide on the funding for oral health programs in the community. He will continue on the Delta Dental of Arizona corporate board through 2025.

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