



The Smile Report

Highlighting Our Impact on Arizonan's Health and Wellbeing

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Community Impact Report

In June, the Delta Dental Institute released its 2023 Community Impact Report highlighting the philanthropic investments made last year to support the oral and overall health of communities across the country. In Arizona, we impacted 252,094 lives and invested \$2.1 million.

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2024 Most Influential Women in Arizona

Barb Kozuh, executive director of the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation, has been named one of the 2024 Most Influential Women in Arizona Business! She said, "The keys to success for me have been my network of mentors. These people have helped guide me throughout my career by offering advice, feedback, and business insight."

Jessica Yanow, president and ceo of Arizona Alliance For Community Health Centers and board member of the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation, is also a 2024 recipient .

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Grantee Spotlight

Delta Dental of Arizona (DDAZ) employees have embraced Diana Gregory Outreach Services volunteer events (openings fill up quickly) and the camaraderie that develops when helping their community. The partnership started in 2023 when the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program received a DDAZ Foundation grant. This program provides monthly deliveries of fruits and vegetables, oral health education and dental supplies, and healthy cooking classes for seniors in targeted communities.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Susie Lesmeister dedicated 29 years to the State of Arizona before retiring and joining our team at Delta Dental of Arizona, where she now excels as the Appeals and Grievance Supervisor. Since her arrival, Susie has become a cornerstone of our volunteer efforts, regularly participating in and supporting our community initiatives. Her dedication and enthusiasm inspire her colleagues and elevate every event she attends. We are grateful to have Susie's experience and passion enriching our volunteer programs.



Board Member Spotlight

Julia Wacloff, RDH, MSPH joined the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation board in 2022. She has over 20 years of experience in various public health settings providing needs assessments, policy development and quality assurance at local, state and national levels.

Currently, Julia works with ADHS leadership and management on a variety of public health functions related to oral health and we are delighted to have her oral health expertise on our Foundation board.

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POP QUIZ!

TRUE or FALSE? There is more than one type of dental cleaning.

Answer: True! Depending on your oral health needs, your dentist can perform several different cleaning treatments, from a routine checkup to deeper treatments such as scaling and root planing.

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