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## Delta Dental Foundation Awards Additional \$33,000 in Grants to Six North Carolina Organizations

**RALEIGH, NC (November 11, 2018)** – The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) awarded \$33,000 in grants to six North Carolina organizations that provide oral health services to underserved adults in their communities.

Oral health not only impacts a person’s smile, but also a person’s overall health. A routine dental exam of the mouth, teeth and gums can provide insight into potential illnesses or conditions. By funding organizations that provide oral health services, DDF is investing in the overall health and confidence of North Carolina residents.

“We believe everyone deserves a healthy smile,” said Curt Ladig, CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina. “Through the grants awarded to the Community Care Clinic of Rowan County, Wilkes Public Health Mobile Dental Clinic, Guilford Adult Health, Raleigh Wake County Dental Society, TROSA and Central Piedmont Community College, our foundation is broadening access to oral health care and, therefore, better overall health.”

Details about the latest Delta Dental Foundation grant recipients are below.

The [Community Care Clinic of Rowan County](#) received \$5,000 to purchase dental supplies for uninsured adults. Rowan County’s Community Care Clinic is home to a dental clinic that provides cleanings, examinations, extractions, x-rays, and tooth fillings for its patients.

A grant of \$4,000 was awarded to the [Wilkes Public Health Mobile Dental Clinic](#). The mobile clinic treats children in the Wilkes County School System, and it recently began serving adults in the area. Since it began in 2001, the clinic has traveled to different schools, community centers, and medical centers in order to reach its patients.

Guilford County received a \$4,000 grant for the [Guilford Adult Health’s dental program](#). The program works to provide dental care and services to uninsured adults in Guilford County as part of the Guilford Community Care Network, Inc. The program provides extractions, examinations, fillings, and pain management.

[Central Piedmont Community College](#) received \$5,000 for its project, “Interprofessional Approach to Treating Patients with Diabetes.” The Community College is located in Charlotte with six campuses across Mecklenburg County. “Interprofessional Approach to Treating Patients with Diabetes” is a project through the school’s dental hygiene and nursing programs that serves underprivileged adults in the community with type 2 diabetes by providing periodontal therapy.

[The Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society](#) (RWCDs) received \$5,000 for its RWCDs Community Dental Health Program, “Wake Smiles.” The program is a collaborative effort of RWCDs members, political groups and special interest groups with a shared mission of providing dental care to the underserved community of Raleigh and Wake County.

[Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.](#) (TROSA), a licensed treatment facility helping substance abusers become healthy, productive members of their communities and families, received \$10,000 to support dental care for their residents.

The grants received by the organizations are six of the 24 grants totaling \$94,300 that DDF awarded to North Carolina oral health organizations and programs this year. Grant recipients were selected based on criteria that included the uniqueness of the program, the level of community involvement in the program and the ability to measure results.

#### **About the Delta Dental Foundation**

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The foundation’s goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit [www.deltadentalnc.com](http://www.deltadentalnc.com).

#### **About Delta Dental of North Carolina**

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a nonprofit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of providers, including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina.

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