

DELTA DENTAL OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION AWARDS \$411,500 FOR ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES
Chesterfield's Lucy Corr Foundation accepts \$10,000 Smart Smiles® check.

CHESTERFIELD, 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.

Serving Chesterfield, Lucy Corr Foundation received a Smart Smiles grants totaling \$10,000 to expand dental care to the elderly throughout the region.



Pictured: Undre Woods, Board Member, Lucy Corr Foundation; Chris Pyle, VP of Marketing & Government Relations, Delta Dental of Virginia; Kay Mast, Board Member, Lucy Corr Foundation

Operated by the Health Center Commission of Chesterfield County, Lucy Corr is a continuing care retirement community with a full continuum of care available on-site. The dental clinic at Lucy Corr is operated by the Lucy Corr Foundation (LCF) and is funded entirely on grants from donors such as Delta Dental and volunteer hours from local dentists and the dental and dental hygiene students at Virginia Commonwealth University. Having a dental clinic on-site allows the dental coordinator, Dr. Patricia Bonwell, with LCF to work hand in hand with the Lucy Corr medical team.

“We have a dental clinic where we see about 20 to 25 patients a week,” said Derek Kendall, CEO, Lucy Corr. “We see patients who sometimes have not seen a dentist for more than a year, who do not have

dental insurance or who have an urgent need for dental treatment. Grants like these make up the bulk of the funding for the dental clinic for Lucy Corr and allow the clinic to provide oral health care to uninsured seniors the Richmond Metropolitan Area.” The Lucy Corr Dental Clinic has provided \$1.366 million of services in the last six years.

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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