

SECTION 11

MDS FOUNDATION

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The MDS Foundation is the charitable arm of the Massachusetts Dental Society. It is dedicated to directing its charitable resources to improve the oral health of Massachusetts residents.

One of the ways we strive to accomplish this mission is via a robust grant program. Through donor support, the Foundation Board acts on behalf of our members by issuing grants to community-based organizations whose goals are to increase access to dental care across the Commonwealth through access to care and targeted grants. Learn more at [massdental.org/grants](https://www.massdental.org/grants).

In 2025 the MDS Foundation hosted its first ever Massachusetts Mission of Mercy (MOM) event. Read about its success at <https://www.massdental.org/Foundation/Mission-of-Mercy>. The Foundation is in the process of selecting the date and location for the second MOM event, which will be announced once decided.

The Foundation's mission is not possible without the generous support of our donors. As a district leader, you can play a key role in the Foundation's success. Below are some ways you can help support the Foundation and the communities we serve.

- **Lead by example** – Donate directly from your district. If your district donation(s) (one-time or cumulatively over time) total \$5,000 or more, your district will be recognized in one of the Lifetime Giving categories. Members of these prestigious giving categories receive special recognition in MDS publications and at special meetings. Learn more at [massdental.org/giving](https://www.massdental.org/giving).
- **Host a fundraiser** – Gather the support from your local members by hosting a fundraiser to support the initiatives of the Foundation.
- **Share our successes** – Has the Foundation supported an organization in your community? Share these stories during your district meetings and in your newsletters and social media posts encouraging your members to continue their support.
- **Spread the word** – Are you aware of an organization in your district that could benefit from a Foundation grant? Be sure to connect the organization with Foundation staff.

To discuss initiatives specific to your district, or for more information on how to donate or apply for a grant, contact the MDS Foundation at foundation@massdental.org.