

# Committed to Keeping Hawaii Smiling!



# Highlights:



## Mission: Improve Oral Health in Hawaii

In addition to providing grants for deserving nonprofit organizations, the HDS Foundation continued to advance its own initiatives to improve oral health care in Hawaii, focusing on the needs of keiki and kupuna through its three signature programs: **Dentist by One**, **Seal Away Decay**, and **Kupuna Smiles**.



## \$1 million to 10 Nonprofit Organizations

More than 80% of the grants went to programs to increase access to dental care and oral health education.



## \$17,000 in Smile Fund Grants

As part of the total contribution to the community, \$17,000 in Smile Fund grants were given to nonprofit organizations. The Smile Fund supports programs and projects under \$5,000 and is designed to fast-track support for urgently needed oral health projects in the community.



## Distributed More Than 10,000 SmileKits

SmileKits, consisting of a toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss were donated to more than 26 organizations providing oral health education in the community.



## Dentist by One

### Distributed 6,000 Packets

More than 6,000 Dentist by One packets were distributed to hospitals statewide. The packets include an infant toothbrush and information for new moms upon discharge from the hospital. It also encourages them to take their baby to a dentist by age one.



## Seal Away Decay

### Dental Screenings to more than 2,000 Second-Graders

In partnership with Hawaii Keiki, the Seal Away Decay program provided dental screenings to more than 2,000 second-graders in 68 schools on Oahu, Maui and Kauai. Of those who were screened, 60% received sealants and 65 were referred to a dentist for urgent care.



## Kupuna Smiles

### Oral Health Training to 180 Nurses

Through the Kupuna Smiles program, more than 180 nurses at long-term care facilities received oral health training by dental hygienists to care for their patients' teeth.



## Gave a Total of \$60,000 in Scholarships

Four dental students and four dental hygiene students received scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. Since the scholarship program was established in 2018, a total of \$205,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 15 Hawaii students.



## Actively Involved in the Hawaii Oral Health Coalition

The HDS Foundation team has been actively involved in the Hawaii Oral Health Coalition, a statewide coalition of oral health stakeholders who work collaboratively to improve oral health in Hawaii. The coalition was influential in restoring Medicaid dental benefits for adults effective January 2023.



# Grant Highlights:

## American Heart Association - \$164,920 ▶

The American Heart Association is implementing a hypertension awareness program at dental practices in underserved communities. AHA will train and educate dental staff on proper blood pressure monitoring and referrals.

## Dental Lifeline Network - \$20,000

The Dental Lifeline Network's team of volunteer dentists and labs will provide comprehensive dental treatment to adults who are elderly, disabled, or medically fragile at no cost. These patients experience renewed health and well-being as a result their ability to eat better, smile freely, and confidently participate in their communities.

## Hawaii Children's Action Network - \$15,000

The Hawaii Children's Action Network conducted three activities with the HDS Foundation grant. HCAN provided oral health kits and oral health education to low-income families and Native Hawaiians; conducted a focus group of 20 participants from Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities to learn what barriers they face to oral health care; and executed a paid social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram, amplifying HDS's messages that it is safe to visit a dentist during the pandemic and reminding parents to take their keiki to a dentist before their first birthday.

## Molokai Community Health - \$149,988 ▶

Molokai Community Health purchased new and replacement equipment at its dental clinic to increase access to care for keiki and to provide oral health preventive education for parents.

## University of Hawaii Foundation - Hawaii Keiki - \$133,447

This grant supported the HDS Foundation's partnership with Hawaii Keiki as part of HDS Foundation's Seal Away Decay initiative, providing dental screenings to more than 2,000 second graders in 68 schools with 1,200 students receiving 4,500 sealants on Oahu, Maui and Kauai.

## Waimanalo Health Center - \$500,000 ▶

The HDS Foundation grant will go toward the Waimanalo Health Center's capital campaign, which will expand dental services on the Waimanalo campus and serve more dental patients of the Koolauapoko community. In addition, Waimanalo Health Center will be opening a new clinic in Kaneohe with four operatories for preventive, restorative and emergency dental care.



# Smile Fund

## Hawaii Children's Discovery Center - \$1,952 ▶

The HDS Foundation provided funding for upgrades to the Big Mouth Theater, a hands-on exhibit that includes a video that educates children about good oral health.



## Hui No Ke Ola Pono - \$4,900

The HDS Foundation supported the Hui Heleui and Give Kids A Smile-Maui event that resulted in 500 attendees receiving oral health education and 52 children receiving preventive care, including screenings, cleanings, fluoride, sealants, and silver diamine fluoride.

## Lanai Community Health Center - \$4,999 ▶

The HDS Foundation grant was earmarked for training and development of a basic training video for dental assistants. The Center is documenting the training for future dental assistants at the clinic.



## Straub Foundation - \$4,999

The Straub Oral Care Project empowers Straub's entire clinical healthcare team, including physicians, nurses, nurse aides, speech therapists, and occupational therapists, to improve the quality and consistency of oral care for patients. The HDS Foundation grant is being used to purchase oral care products and supplies that are being distributed in small group educational sessions, demonstrations, and presentations.

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