

TEXAS DENTAL ASSOCIATION

SMILES FOUNDATION

Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation

TDASF's main focus is to raise enough funds to support all of our worthwhile programs, which provide charitable dental care to underserved Texans, from young to old. The health of our programs is highly dependent upon the overall financial health of the Foundation itself. Administrative and Development efforts (including grant writing, event planning, and donor cultivating) of TDASF Staff, Board, and Committees, are essential to the stability of each program described below. TDASF must focus on fundraising and program oversight in order to maintain program success.

The Refuge

Provides comprehensive dental care to the girls living at The Refuge Ranch, a home for survivors of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST). Treatment is provided on-site to in a compassionate way that addresses any previous trauma.

Texas Mission of Mercy

Events deliver charitable basic dental care through a multi-annual, traveling dental clinic all across Texas. Care provided at TMOM events is often a pain-relieving fix where up to 1,000 patients can receive care in a first-come, first-serve setting.

S.M.A.R.T. Smiles

Provides oral health education and preventative care to underserved, school-aged children, while helping to create a positive dental environment and implement a referral system for necessary dental treatment.

Education

TDASF provides scholarships to six deserving, first-year dental students each year, as well as a continuing education course at the Texas Dental Association's Annual Meeting each May.

TDASF has provided over **\$33.5 million** in charitable care to over **48,000** Texans.



The Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation (TDASF), founded in 2006, merged from the organization's two existing foundations: The Texas Dental Foundation (f. 1987) and Texas Dentists for Healthy Smiles (f. 2001). Our mission is to improve access to dental care for the underserved of Texas and to educate the public and profession about oral health. Since our inception, our focus has been on providing dental care and education to the uninsured and underserved population of Texas, alleviating pain and improving quality of life through our very successful programs.

Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) is a multi-annual travelling dental clinic that sets up in urban and rural areas all over Texas. Volunteer dental professionals provide free treatment to attendees on a first-come, first-serve basis, including fillings, cleanings, extractions, and removable partials, to relieve pain and improve oral health. Each TMOM provides between 150-1,000 people with \$100,000-600,000 worth of charitable dental care. Each event relies heavily on community involvement through utilizing hundreds of volunteers from the area where each event takes place, as well as local financial support through fundraising efforts. Services are provided to the public, without any income, residency, or other demographic restrictions.

SMART Smiles, founded in 2014, provides oral health education and preventative care to underserved, school-aged children while creating a positive environment and implementing a referral system for necessary and emergency dental treatment.

Finally, our newest program, The Refuge provides a trauma-informed, long-term restoration community with on-site dental services for girls through age 19, who have been exploited through sex trafficking. We are committed to treating the girls at The Refuge with any dental care they might need, as well as connecting them with a specialist when required.

TDASF's programs have collectively touched the lives of over 48,000 Texans, providing over \$33.5 million in charitable dentistry since 2001.