

**Alliance of the Illinois State Dental Society  
Chicago, Illinois  
2003**

The Alliance produced and printed a storybook about good oral health, *Healthy, Healthy!*, targeted towards children ages 3-8. the book was written by Alliance member Pat Cross. The initial run of 1500 hardbound books was distributed to all public libraries in the state of Illinois. An additional 425 books needed to be bound prior to distribution to pediatric departments of hospitals in Illinois.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1487.50 to pay for the finding of the additional books.**

# **Red River Valley Dental Access Project**

## **Fargo, North Dakota**

### **2003**

The *Healthy Smiles for the Red River Valley Project* was awarded a grant as part of the “Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program” (a collaborative grant program of the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the American Academy of Pediatrics and administered by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)). This grant required 2/3 matching funds from other sources. Funds were used for expenses for workshop/educational event, including speaker expenses and workshop expenses. Funds raised by this event increase access to preventive and early interventional dental care for low income children in the area, provide parents and caregivers with appropriate knowledge regarding proper oral hygiene practices, provide dental screenings to determine children at high risk for oral health complications, and remove barriers that prevent access to dental care.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1000.**

**La Clinica, an Agency of Accion Social  
Comunitaria  
St. Louis, Missouri  
2003**

The project provided dental care and education for the Hispanic community and underserved people. Funds were used to purchase necessary dental supplies to make the dental clinic functional: x-ray film, local anesthetic, needles and syringes, burrs, amalgam and composites, and surgical instruments. The local dental society committed to helping provide dentists if the needed financial support was obtained to purchase supplies.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1500.**

**Alliance of the Greater Cleveland Dental  
Society  
Cleveland, Ohio  
2002**

The Alliance put a “spin” on dental health by purchasing over 1000 spin brushes, manual brushes, and educational materials for students in the Cleveland Municipal Schools. Every day, all 40,000 elementary students receive free breakfast and lunch. In order to encourage children to start the day with a good breakfast – as well as to educate them on dental health – Crest Spin Brushes and other brushes were given as door prizes at the over 70 elementary schools in the district in February. Over 10,000 pieces of educational materials were also given to students. Distribution was through the Food Service Director.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1000.**

# **Alliance of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society**

St. Louis, Missouri  
2002

The grant was used to fund a program to provide dental health care to children who do not have access to dentistry, specifically children who are residents of *Our Little Haven*, a home for children affected by drug abuse, HIV, abuse, or neglect. All of these children have been removed from the custody of their parents. Funds purchased media materials for teaching children about oral hygiene, videos for training child care providers, electric toothbrushes and special toothbrushes for those children with special needs, finger cots and gloves, regular toothbrushes, toothpaste, TV/VCR. The grant money was used as seed money to get the project up and running.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1000.**

**Alliance of the Isaac Knapp District Dental  
Society  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
2002**

The grant allowed the completion of the portable DHE exhibit, Big Mouth. This exhibit is 26 inches wide by 30 inches deep and 16 inches high. The exhibit can be set on a card table or on the floor and is made of a durable, lightweight material to allow for easy carrying. It includes a sealant, braces, plaque, and an amalgam. One molar, one incisor, and one cuspid are removable and their functions are identified when removed.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1500.**

**Alliance of the Fort Worth District Dental  
Society  
Dallas, Texas  
2004**

The Alliance was able to increase the scope of their annual dental health project by purchasing more books and disks to distribute to more libraries and schools and thus reach more people. The project included donation of child and teen-oriented dental health books, dental health computer screensavers, dental health puzzles, word scrambles, and dot-to-dot activities for children. It also included educational materials about mouthguards and tongue piercing, articles regarding baby bottle decay and caring for teeth of infants and children. Participants also received oral hygiene materials.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$400.**

**Alliance of the American Dental Association  
Chicago, Illinois  
2004**

The Alliance cookbook, Dishing Up Smiles, promotes good dental health and healthy eating habits through humorous photos complemented by simple, healthy recipes. The intent of the book is to recognize the importance of dental health in our daily lives. Funds went toward sponsoring the section on "Stop the Pop." This section includes the effects of drinking too much pop and tells how to reduce tooth decay.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$300.**

**Salt Lake District Dental Alliance**  
**Sandy, Utah**  
**2004**

The Alliance's *Life-Long Oral Health Campaign*, targets senior citizens and took place in assisted living centers and community senior centers. Funds were used to assemble two teaching resource kits and to train volunteers to go into these centers and present workshops on oral health care for adults, including oral cancer, oral side effects of medication, restoration options, and healthy lifestyles. Kits include teaching materials, audio/visual materials, educational handouts, posters, large visual and demonstration models, and samples.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$400.**

**Alliance of the Pacific Dental School  
San Francisco, California  
2004**

The purpose of this grant was to purchase goods such as coloring books, crayons, puzzles, etc. Children were given dental health packets with educational, useful, and fun materials. 500 children between the ages of 2 and 17 were seen.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$400.**

**Northeastern Colorado Unit of the American  
Cancer Society  
Greeley, Colorado  
2004**

The funds were to be used for a redesign and casting of a new mold for Dipper Dan, an educational tool designed to show the effects of the use of spit tobacco on the head and neck. The goal is to increase public awareness about potential dangers and the importance of early cancer detection. This new mold would replace one that has been in continuous use for approximately 18 years. It would make it possible for organizations to purchase the model at an affordable cost.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$2500.**

**Alliance of the Greater Cleveland Dental  
Society  
Cleveland, Ohio  
2005**

The Alliance began the effort to install a permanent exhibit of a 15 foot tall Giant Tooth in HealthSpace Cleveland, an interactive health education facility in Cleveland, Ohio. The previous Giant Tooth became an icon of the old Health Education Museum and of Cleveland itself. The Alliance, working in cooperation with the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, used the grant to provide start-up money in order to obtain larger grants. The funds allowed reproduction of promotional materials and printing of stationery, and covered mailing expenses to potential donors.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1500.**

**Alliance of the Memphis Dental Society**  
**Memphis, Tennessee**  
**2005**

The Alliance's undertaking was titled "The Tooth, the Whole Tooth & Nothing But the Tooth Refurbishment Project" and took place at the Children's Museum of Memphis. The Alliance used the grant to help renovate and update the dental health exhibit at the museum. The bonus side effect of the project was to promote a feeling of good fellowship among the families of the members of the dental association and promote the Alliance within the community as an active organization that is committed to promoting dental health.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$750.**

**Dental Task Force of the St. Joseph County  
Health Department  
South Bend, Indiana  
2005**

The *Healthy Children Ready to Learn* program allowed the Task Force to continue a project started in August 2004 and also allowed them to seek matching funds from other organizations. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and educational materials were assembled into packets and distributed by the local food bank in their Back to School program. Recipients were over 4000 low-income children. Also included was information on how to apply for Indiana's CHIPs program and guidance on finding low cost dental care in the community.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$1000.**

**Grand Rapids Children's Museum**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
**2005**

The museum's "Tooth Time" event is a collaboration between the museum and the West Michigan District Dental Society with additional financial assistance from the West Michigan Dental Foundation. The purpose of the event is to educate children about good oral health and the professions in the dental field through fun and play. At the *Open Wide* exhibit, kids pretend to be dentists, dental hygienists, and other dental professionals while cleaning a puppet's teeth and making sure there are no cavities. Visitors read all about the world of dental health through children's literature and informative pieces and take a look at x-rays on the x-ray board. Kids also try to match up the right teeth with the right animal on the mural board. Children received a picture of their smile through an intraoral camera shot, were educated on how sugar consumption can affect oral health through use of a sugar table (similar to a sand table), participated in the "wheel of dental fortune" game, made dental related crafts and participated in other hands on activities, and enjoyed visits with Captain Fluoride, Cavity Critter, and the Tooth Fairy.

Funding helped to provide field trips from area schools that would otherwise not have been able to attend due to financial constraints.

**The FDHE awarded a grant of \$750.**