



### **What is the ODA Foundation?**

The ODA Foundation is Ohio's premiere philanthropic organization focused on dental health, education, and the profession of dentistry, committed to *Advancing Oral Health in Ohio*.

Thanks to the generous support and contributions of dentists and other donors, the Foundation each year continues to make a difference for future dentists and oral healthcare and education programs within Ohio communities.

### **What has the ODA Foundation done for dentistry and for Ohioans?**

Since 1995, the ODA Foundation has awarded over \$743,000 in scholarships and grants in Ohio to future dentists and auxiliaries, and to community programs that help the underserved get dental care. Of that amount, \$101,230 was awarded in 2013 through 33 scholarships and 11 grants.

The Foundation has awarded grants to dental residency programs in Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Columbus and Youngstown that enhanced their residency curriculums and community outreach programs. Foundation grants have helped Ohio's two dental schools develop or expand community oral health education programs that serve our state's most vulnerable populations: children and the elderly. Other grants have helped thousands of Ohio children receive oral care instruction, reached senior citizens in Appalachian areas of Ohio through improved access to oral health care, and helped hundreds of Ohioans, including the indigent, working poor, special needs patients and others, receive needed dental care.

### **What is the need?**

- Dental school student loan debt today is staggering, with Ohio's two dental schools reporting the cost of four years of dental school ranging from \$265,000 to \$374,000. For the graduating class of 2013 (without military service assistance), the median federal student loan debt was:

**OSU: \$224,951**

**CWRU: \$314,001**

- Grants awarded help Ohio's dental communities and other health professionals create and strengthen resources that ensure dental care is available to those most in need, regardless of ability to pay.

### **What is the future of the ODA Foundation?**

The Ohio Dental Association Foundation will continue to support worthwhile dental projects throughout Ohio.

The Foundation continues to explore new opportunities for funding and fundraisers, with a vision of making a difference to the profession of dentistry and to the oral health of the citizens of Ohio.

The Foundation's continued and expanded commitment to dentistry and oral health care depends on the continued support of ODA members and other dental philanthropists.

Please help support dental-related philanthropy in your community tomorrow by supporting your Foundation today. To learn more, call (800) 282-1526 or visit [www.oda.org](http://www.oda.org).

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