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DELTA DENTAL AWARDS 25 IOWA AGENCIES OVER \$144,000 FOR ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS

Johnston, IA (December 16, 2010) – The Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation awarded \$144,765 to 25 Iowa agencies to improve the oral health of Iowans through its mini-grant program.

The Foundation awards mini-grants twice a year in May and October. Mini-grants are intended to support one-time oral health projects, such as workshops or conferences, or short-term projects of up to one-year in duration, such as a survey, data collection or research study. These grants are also used to stimulate long-term oral health projects and may be combined with funds from other sources.

“The Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation’s mission is to support and improve the oral health of Iowans,” said Donn Hutchins, president of the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation. “The mini-grant program is a great example of how the Foundation can support a variety of oral health projects throughout the state that make a measurable difference in the oral health of Iowans.”

The agencies being awarded mini-grants by the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation in 2010 include:

- **Clinton & Jackson Counties, Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa** - \$3,000 for I-Smile™ oral health project.
- **Creston, Matura Action Corporation** - \$5,000 for sealant program equipment.
- **Council Bluffs, Iowa Western Community College** - \$10,000 for “Smiling through Prevention” program.
- **Davenport, Edgerton Women’s Health Center** - \$3,000 for “Start Them Young,” oral health care for infants and toddlers.

- **Des Moines, AIDS Project of Central Iowa** - \$5,500 for the “Living with HIV: Oral Care Case Management” program.
- **Des Moines, Children and Families of Iowa** - \$6,000 for methamphetamine oral health education.
- **Des Moines, Drake University Head Start** - \$3,000 for “Healthy Head Start Smiles” program.
- **Des Moines, Mercy Foundation** - \$1,000 for “Keeping Smiles Bright” program.
- **Des Moines, Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa** - \$4,000 for oral health supplies for I-Smile™ “Summer Splash” and “Give Kids a Smile Day 2011” programs.
- **Dubuque, Crescent Community Health Center** - \$3,000 for “Miles of Smiles” program.
- **Forest City, Winnebago County Public Health** - \$500 for dental education and prevention program.
- **Fort Dodge, Iowa Central Community College** - \$6,200 for preventive oral health projects.
- **Glenwood, Mills County Public Health** - \$3,000 for “In the Family Way” program.
- **Hiawatha, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program of Linn County** - \$1,500 for Head Start oral health project.
- **Iowa City, Iowa Student Dental Association and Hispanic Dental Association** - \$6,000 to create pediatric educational oral health resource materials in Spanish.
- **Iowa City, University of Iowa College of Dentistry** - \$3,500 for “Oh, Give Me a Home...” project, \$6,500 for CDC's CVD/Oral Health/Tobacco cessation initiative, \$10,000 for Special Health Care Needs dental flip chart project, and \$3,729 for Pediatric Dentistry Residency program.
- **Iowa Department of Public Health** - \$9,900 for I-Smile™ outreach to low-income, pregnant women.
- **Iowa Dental Association** - \$10,000 for the 2010 Annual Conference Guest Lecture Series.
- **Iowa Dental Hygienist's Association** - \$3,000 for Iowa Dental Hygienist's Association annual session.
- **Marshalltown, Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.** - \$6,291 for maternal and child health dental program.
- **Mason City, Mercy Medical Center North Iowa** - \$10,000 for North Iowa Dental Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured.
- **Mason City, North Iowa Community Action Organization** - \$1,500 for Family Health Center - oral health prevention and education.
- **Ottumwa, River Hills Community Health Center** - \$9,645 for Ottumwa and Keokuk County Schools sealant and fluoride varnish program.
- **Ottumwa, Iowa Rural Health Education Partnership (IRHEP) and South Central Area Health Education Center (SC Iowa AHEC)** - \$1,000 for “Power of Sour” program.

- **Quad Cities, Bethany for Children & Families** - \$9,000 for “Give Kids a Smile” dental program.

Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. As a not-for-profit, Delta Dental of Iowa invests in oral health projects through the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation that focus on access to care, prevention, education and research. The Iowa company is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental plans. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation providing coverage to 54 million people in more than 93,600 employer groups.

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