

# PACIFIC DENTAL SERVICES FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*What kind of impact and legacy did we leave? What will people say about us when we're done?*

Hello Friends,

This past December I had the opportunity to attend the retirement of a gentleman that had spent 45 years as the head of admissions of a prominent school here in Los Angeles. Person after person spoke of the impact that Mr. V had on their lives. The way he went above and beyond to strengthen relationships, to invest in others, and stay connected.

I think that's what we all want to hear at the end of our career. What kind of impact and legacy did we leave? What will people say about us when we're done? Will they be helping you pack up your stuff and get you out of the office as soon as possible or will they be saying look at all they did to make the world a better place and be sad that you are leaving?

We believe in leaving a legacy here at the PDS Foundation and we have 120 people who are helping with that through our "Legacy Club". We couldn't do the work we do without their generous commitment every month and throughout the year.

Through the PDS Foundation programs, we aim to eliminate some of the stressful times in the lives of the people that we serve. We help to eliminate financial barriers for our dental assistant scholarship awardees. This year we received 235 applications as we expanded across the country and introduced the scholarship to 26 new schools. We awarded 55 scholarships across 12 states totaling over \$282,000.

There is no place that brings more relief than the Dentists for Special Needs office. The team, led by Dr. David Jourabchi and Michelle Krasch are answers to prayers for so many. The tears of joy that come from our patients and their families when they get the care they deserve, is so rewarding. I think of Eddie and his mom Debbie who touched our hearts and inspired us to do more. We are honored that you have chosen to give your time, talents and treasure to the PDS Foundation.

We are as excited as we have ever been for the work that still needs to be done in 2022. We can't wait to get back to Guatemala and support the team there. What will the next group of dental assistant recipients be like? What amazing career progress will past recipients have made? How many patients will receive treatment for the first time in their lives?

We couldn't have done the work we did without all of you and we are so grateful. Here is to an impactful 2022!

Kyle Guerin, Executive Director | PDS Foundation



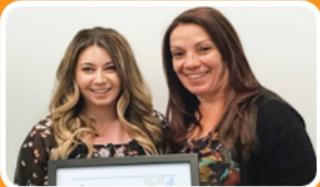
# PDS FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Our mission is to improve overall health by improving oral health, through opportunities to serve locally, nationally, and internationally.



## Special Needs Dentistry

To improve oral health for individuals with special needs through self sustainable clinics, education and advocacy.



## Dental Assistant Scholarship

To elevate the dental assistant profession by overcoming financial barriers for the next generation of servant-hearted dental assistant leaders.



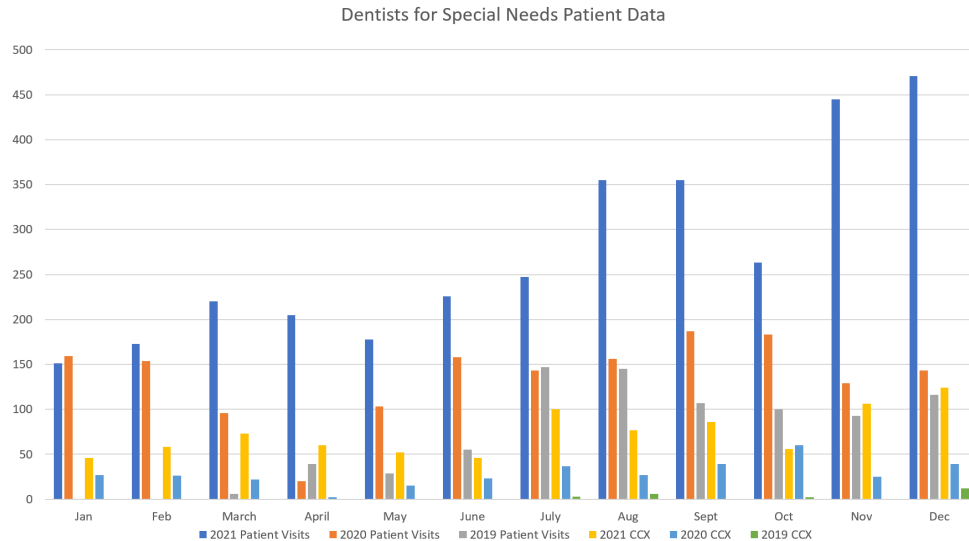
## International Service Trips

To increase access to oral health in Guatemala through opportunities to serve and collaboration with Dental Schools and NGO's.



# SPECIAL NEEDS DENTISTRY

Over 52 million Americans have a disability and one of the biggest challenges they face is finding adequate oral health care. In 2018 the PDS Foundation began its journey to help change that.



## Meet Eddie and Debbie

Eddie and his mother, Debbie searched for a dental office for many years and the road was hard. They could not find an office that could provide Eddie with the care he needed. When they found Dentists for Special Needs they realized there was a team of people ready to listen and see what they could do to provide Eddie with the care he deserved. "When we walked in the door of the Dentists for Special Needs office, we were at peace...it was as if they knew us," said Debbie.

## Meet Elijah

Elijah previously required sedation during dental visits but now thanks to Dentists for Special Needs, he is a patient for life and requires no sedation! The team at Dentists for Special Needs has equipped Elijah and his mom with the tools to success in his long term oral health care.



## Carrington College Hygiene Rotation

In 2021 approximately 90 hygiene students from Carrington College completed rotations through the Dentists for Special Needs office.

"I loved going over there and experiencing all the helpful assistants and awesome dentist. The patients were so sweet. I can't wait to have my second rotation there soon!" - Hygiene Student





# SPECIAL NEEDS DENTISTRY



Presented at:

- AAPD Virtual Conference
- AADMD Virtual Conference
- Greater New York Dental Conference
- Arizona Autism Conference
- Autism Society of Phoenix
- AZ Autism Coalition
- UNLV Dental Students on Special Needs

The Dentists for Special Needs office hosted a wide variety of visitors this year including Case Western Reserve University, Colgate and Marquette University.



Dr. Greg Heintschel  
Case Western Reserve University



Dr. Maria Ryan  
Colgate



Dean Bill Lobb and Nicole Blemberg  
Marquette University



# DENTAL ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Pacific Dental Services Foundation Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarship provides students with need-based financial aid, mentorship, and on the job training. Named after Dr. Carolyn Ghazal and her heart for service, the scholarship aims to mold the next generation of passionate, servant-hearted, dental assistant leaders. **In 2021, 55 scholarships were awarded to students across the country totaling over \$282,500!**

Gabbi's passion for dentistry stems from wanting a career serving others. She has seen how a great dental staff can impact a person's life. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer and she watched her go through so much including losing all of her teeth throughout treatment. Gabbi is excited to bring her dedication to others to such a great field!

**"Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. I am ecstatic to start my journey as a dental assistant. I hope that my work in my dental career can make a difference in the lives of others. It's a great honor to serve others in such a profound way!"**



Growing up in Ghana, one of Mavis' family members struggled with a very serious disease caused by poor oral health. Watching them struggle has been something that has stuck with Mavis her entire life. She decided to pursue a career in dentistry so that she could serve others and stop their pain. Moving to the U.S. was very difficult for Mavis, but it has brought so many opportunities that have changed her life.

**"I want to say thank you. This is a big deal for someone like me. It is a huge relief and I am so grateful. You are doing amazing things and changing lives."**

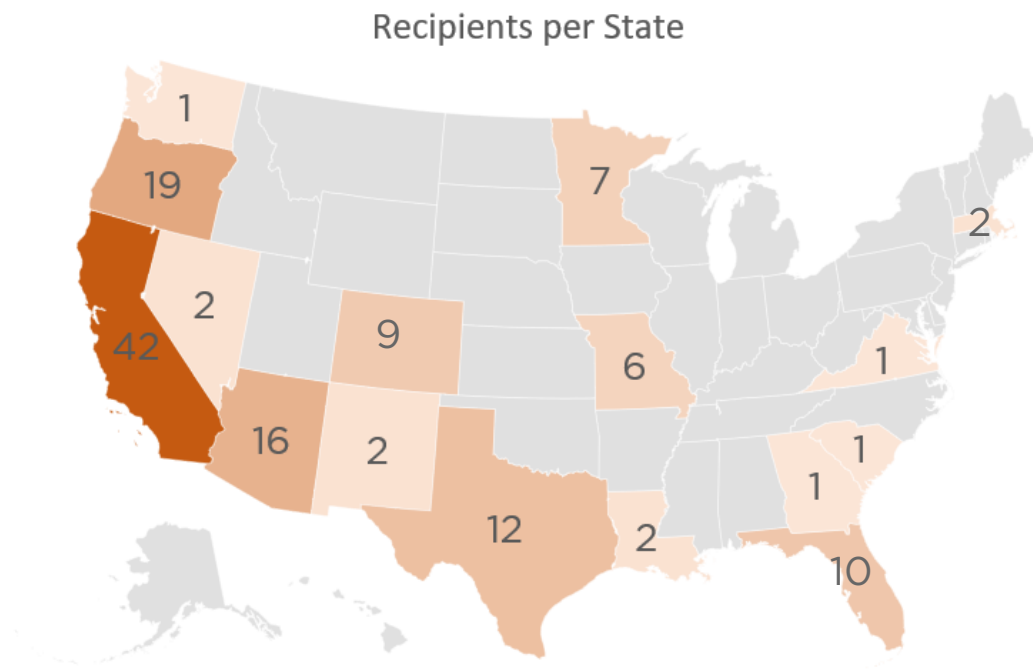
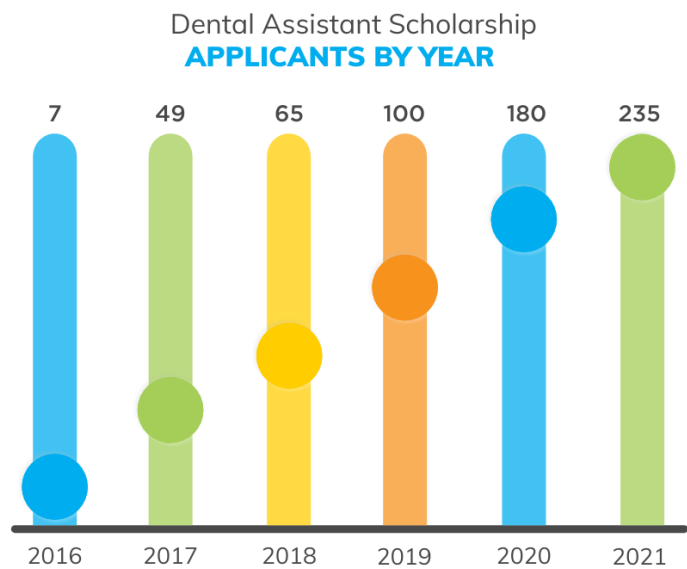
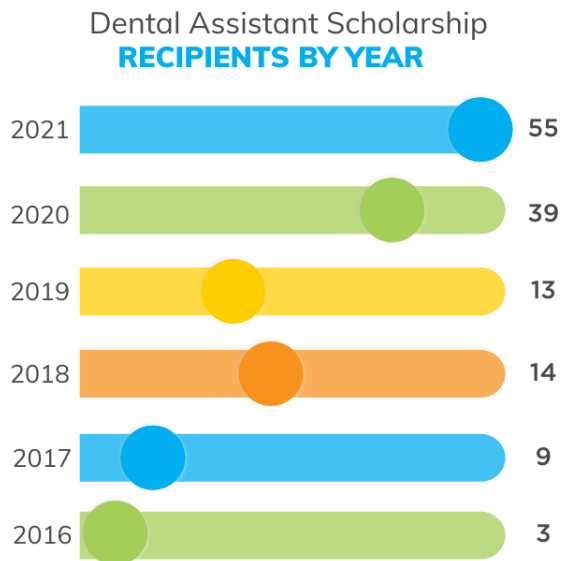


Persingula's passion for dentistry started when she was in middle school when a dentist came to her school to talk to the students about dental hygiene. She wants to provide her own children, something that wasn't provided to her, the opportunity to care for their teeth.

**"I want to thank you all so much. I am truly grateful and honored to receive this scholarship. This has motivated me even more to continue pushing towards my goal so that I am able to give back to my community, to give back to my tribe."**



# DENTAL ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS





# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Although 2021 did not allow for any trips to be taken with the PDS Foundation, we were still able to make a difference in the world around us.

**The PDS Foundation Clinica Dental in Xenacoj, Guatemala ended the year providing \$511,815 in donated dentistry to over 649 patients.**

It is incredible to see the impact the clinic and the students have on their community. It could not happen with Hilda and Kevin who manage and maintain the clinic all-year-round.

In January 2022 we will welcome Dr. Rodrigo Letona Barillas as the clinic's full-time dentist. He will hold his role for 1 year as he applies for his master's program and we await the next round of residency students from the Universidad de San Carlos.

We are also pleased to announce the return of our International Service Trips in 2022. If interested in learning more about the dates of these trips or how to attend, please email Carli Kingsley at [KingsleyC@pacden.com](mailto:KingsleyC@pacden.com).



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Rodrigo Graduated Dental School



First Scholarship Awarding of the Year



Introduced the Legacy Club



Hygiene Students Started Rotation at DFSN



First Smile for Special Needs Campaign



2nd Annual Virtual 5k

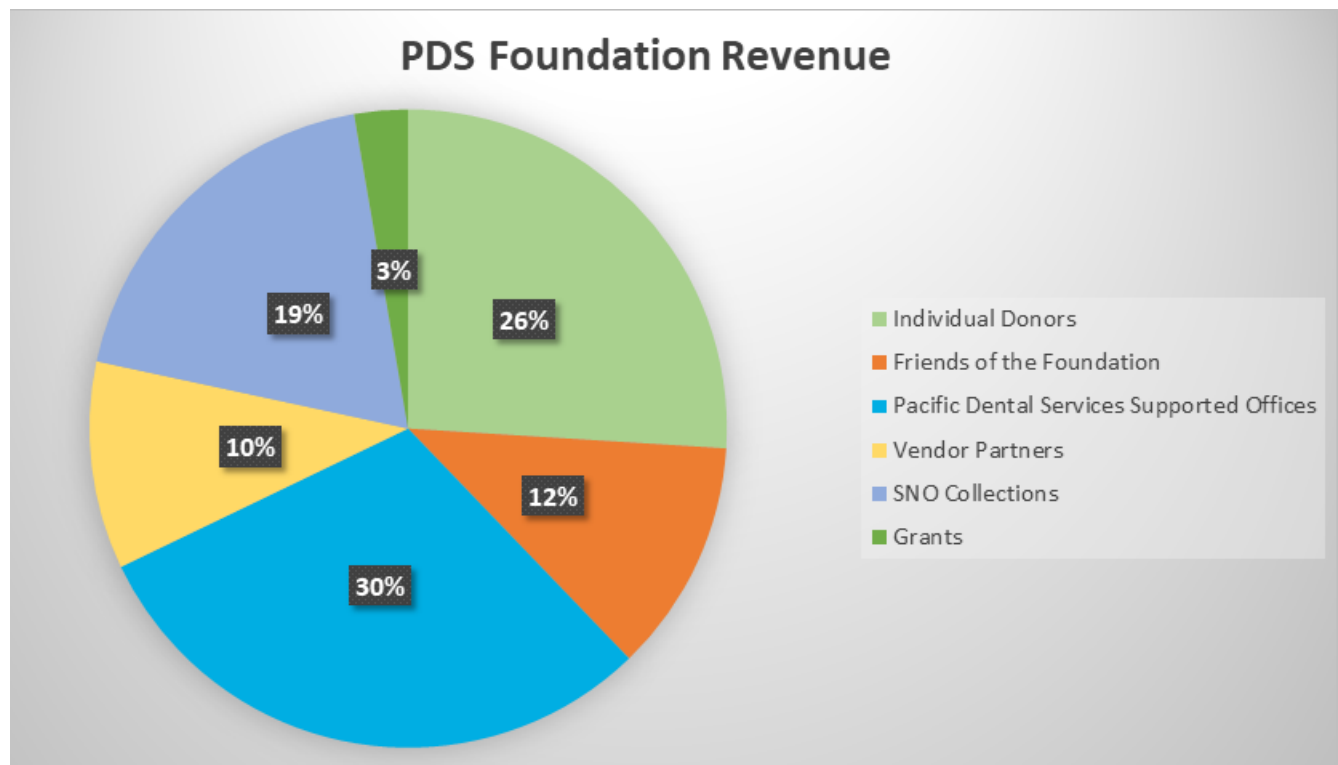


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# 2021 FINANCIALS

Pacific Dental Services Foundation is grateful for all of the generous contributions its partners and friends provided in 2021. We will always be fiscally responsible, maximizing your investment and creating a world where everyone has a dental home and a heart to serve.



# A LOOK AHEAD

In 2022 we are as excited as we've ever been for the PDS Foundation. Here are a few of our goals this year:

- Increasing access to care at the Special Needs office by bringing on a hygienist
- Researching the location and conducting our due diligence for the opening of the second dentists for special needs office
- Launching the United Healthcare revised payment model for providers serving patients with special needs.
- Awarding 60 Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarships to students across the country including new states and new schools
- Welcoming Rodrigo as a full-time Dentist at the Guatemala Clinic for the year 2022
- Rolling out the 3rd Annual Stroll for Special Needs fundraiser
- Launching the 2nd Smile for Special Needs in-office drive to over 850 Pacific Dental Services supported practices across the country

