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Increasing access to dental care through professional and community support.
Welcome to the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation. Our mission is to increase access to dental care with grants to nonprofit community clinics that extend the benefits of dentistry to underserved populations, sometimes referred to as the “working poor.”

The importance of increasing access
Access to dental care continues to be challenging in many communities throughout our country. The U.S. Surgeon General’s report, “Oral Health in America,” highlighted that one of the “…barriers to oral health is the lack of access to care….”

Those who can least afford the cost (generally without employer-offered dental insurance) have very limited access to needed dental care. Many people rely on community-based dental clinics and dental professionals that make up the “dental care safety net.” The safety net clinics and providers are often located in low-income areas and provide a very necessary service to a diverse population.

Doing our part to give back
In the 1950s and 1960s, dentistry was thought to be uninsurable. Despite skepticism, a group of dentists and other leaders, with foresight and perseverance, began the daunting task to increase access to dental care by easing financial barriers. The result is today’s nationwide system of Delta Dental companies that cover more than 56 million people. Our portion, covering 15 states, covers 25 million of those.

Our corporate mission is to improve access to dental care. For some years, we have donated funds and materials to support a growing number of clinics within our operating regions. The Community Care Foundation was formed to enable us to expand this outreach to provide assistance to more clinics on the front line. These clinics deliver much needed dental care to underserved members of our community who lack resources to afford care.