

 **Illinois**
MISSION OF MERCY

Illinois State Dental Society Foundation

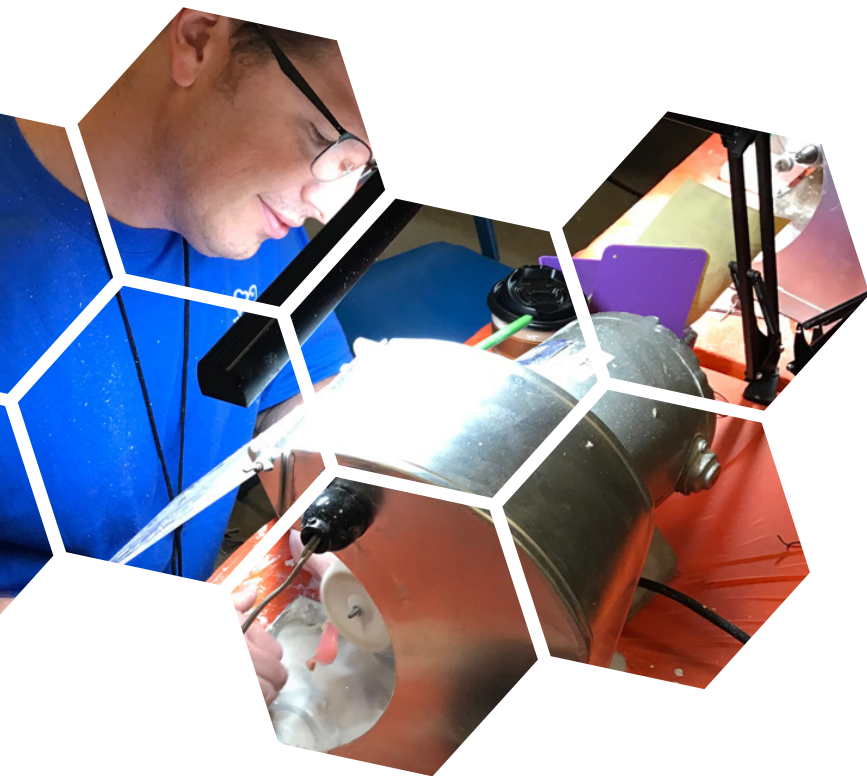


June 28 & 29, 2024
Peoria Civic Center
Peoria, IL

Illinois State Dental Society Foundation's 2024 Mission of Mercy

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation (ISDSF), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will host its 7th Mission of Mercy (MOM) event at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois on June 28 & 29, 2024. The event will provide free dental care to over 2,000 children and adults. More than 1,000 dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, lab technicians and general volunteers will donate their time and clinical skills to help patients receive much needed oral health care.

Since 2008, America's Dentists Care Foundation has supported clinics in 31 states, and has provided 290,000 patients with more than \$200 million in charitable oral health care. The Illinois Mission of Mercy event is hosted in different cities across the state of Illinois on a biannual basis. Our 2010 event, held in Bloomington, Illinois, was the most successful inaugural Mission of Mercy event in the United States to date. Our volunteers delivered \$975,000 in dental care to 1,953 patients in just two days. Since then, the Illinois MOM event has been held in Grayslake (2012), Peoria (2014), Collinsville (2016), Springfield (2018), and Rockford (2022). MOM provides free dental care to the uninsured, underinsured and those who are unable to access dental treatment. Anyone who attends without a medically compromising condition that would prohibit them from receiving care is seen on a first-come, first-served basis.



A successful Mission of Mercy accomplishes the following:

1. Provides access to free dental care while placing a high priority on patients suffering from dental infections or pain.
2. Raises public awareness of the increasing difficulty low-income adults and children face in accessing critical dental care.
3. Challenges patients, policy makers and dental professionals to work together to improve the oral health status of the community.

The ISDSF is proud that each of its Mission of Mercy events have met and exceeded each of these goals. We look forward to our 2024 event and hope that you will become part of our great team of volunteers, donors and/or sponsors!

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✓ 916 Fillings

✓ 1,159 Extractions



✓ 1,944 Cleanings

✓ 54 Partial Dentures



✓ 58 Root Canals

✓ 610 X-Rays

Too many **Smiles** to count!



The ISDS Foundation Mission

As a philanthropic and charitable organization, the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation (ISDSF) enhances the health of families in Illinois by expanding access to oral health care and supporting dental education.

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation is committed to improving the oral health of children, families and individuals throughout the state. Tooth decay continues to be the single most chronic disease in the country, affecting our nation's youngest and poorest citizens, and it is wholly preventable.

Since 2010, the ISDSF has sponsored the biannual Illinois Mission of Mercy. The Mission of Mercy provides access to free dental care while placing a high priority on patients suffering from dental infection and pain. Patients treated during the two-day event are also taught the importance of good daily oral hygiene practices, healthy diet and routine preventive dental care. The Mission of Mercy also raises public awareness of the increasing difficulty low-income adults face in accessing critical dental care. Since 2010, over \$6 million has been donated in professional dental treatment through this charitable event.

The ISDSF administers a Community Grants Program which awards funding annually via a competitive application process. Since 2006, ISDSF has awarded nearly \$585,000 to community organizations, agencies and programs to improve access to dental care and oral health education across the state.

ISDSF believes that education is the foundation of the dental profession. We are dedicated to enhancing the dental profession through special programs and services benefiting Illinois dental students and dentists. The foundation awards scholarships annually. Current D3 students enrolled in the third year of an accredited four-year traditional pre-doctorate dental program in Illinois may apply each year, with scholarship recipients being announced in early July. Student research is also awarded through Table Clinic Awards that recognize basic science/research and clinical/techniques.

The Foundation's Dentists' Support Program is designed to prevent a dentist's career and/or reputation from being destroyed by addiction, and to protect his/her patients from potential harm. This program provides confidential assistance to dentists and their families.

The Relief Program offers confidential emergency or temporary financial assistance to dentists suffering from financial hardship or natural disaster.