

ISDS Foundation

Your Treatment Today Could Help Dental Students Tomorrow A Case Today Secures Tomorrow

What Is This?

Your dentist is participating in the Illinois State Dental Society's charitable gift program *A Case Today Secures Tomorrow*. Through this effort, participating dentists forego payment for certain dental procedures. Instead, they ask the patient to donate the amount they would have paid for the treatment to an endowment fund that will be used to support dental education in Illinois.

What Do I Get?

In return, the patient receives a charitable tax deduction, sincere appreciation and thanks from their dentist, and the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to ensure that future dentists are afforded the same excellent educational opportunities that their dentist had.

Why Does Illinois Need this Program?

Dental education in our state and in our country is facing a crisis situation. The physical facilities in which dental education is delivered must be improved. Persistent faculty shortages and decaying facilities threaten the future of that education and curriculum development. Additionally, because dental education is very costly, it is becoming unaffordable. Tuition costs and post-graduate debt prevent many talented students from middle and lower-income families and under-represented minorities from pursuing dental careers. What's more, without a solid educational infrastructure in place in Illinois, the long-held standards of excellence in dental education and, subsequently, dental care for our citizens are at risk.

Where do donations go?

Monies raised through the campaign are being used to build an endowment, and the interest earned will be used to support dental education at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry and Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. All monies raised in Illinois remain in Illinois.

I'm interested, what do I do next?

Your dentist will give you a short form to complete and give to the office staff. They will send your gift directly to the ISDS Foundation. In a few weeks you will receive and acknowledgement letter from the ISDS Foundation, which you can use for tax purposes.