

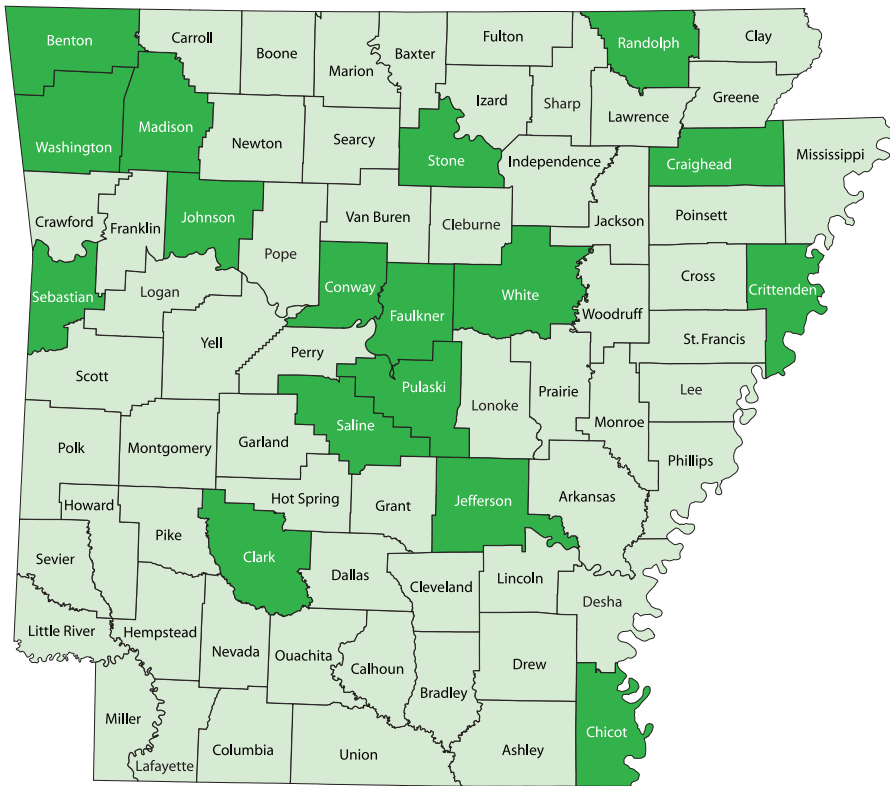
# 2022 Community Impact — At a Glance

In 2022, we continued to implement our strategic plan, which focuses on empowerment and knowledge, equitable access and systemic change.

Our community partners are at the heart of our work, and together we will continue to explore root-cause issues and devise creative strategies for addressing them.

These partnerships are vital for closing oral health equity gaps and providing a new way forward for increasing access to dental care through education, treatment and prevention services.

## 37 Organizations Supported in 17 Counties in 2022



### 2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT

**\$800,898**

Awarded in 2022 to improve the oral health of Arkansans

**37**

Community organizations supported throughout Arkansas



**140,041**

Arkansans impacted

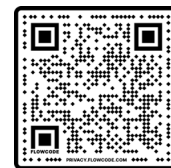
**21,768**

Toothbrushes donated to nonprofit organizations, churches, libraries and school-based health care programs

### OUR MISSION

*Transforming oral health through collaboration, innovation, education and service.*

We are building dynamic partnerships with Arkansas non-profits, government agencies and schools to develop long-term solutions. Our goal is to fund projects and initiatives that prevent severe oral health issues in an effort to avoid costly interventions later on.



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# Funding Opportunities



**COMMUNITY GRANTS** fund initiatives that improve access to oral health care by providing oral disease prevention and treatment services to underserved Arkansans.



**MINI GRANTS** support small or short-term community-based oral health initiatives.



**SUPER SMILES AT SCHOOL GRANTS** fund oral health education and treatment at early childhood centers and public schools to benefit K-12 students.



**ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS** support a wide variety of oral health education programs focused on brushing, flossing and seeing the dentist.



**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE GRANTS** fund the discovery, testing and sharing of creative ideas that have the potential of creating systemic change to improve the oral health of all Arkansans.

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## Grantee Spotlight Pulaski County Youth Services

Mix some coconut oil with calcium carbonate, add a pinch of this and that, sweeten with Xylitol and two dozen kids, and you get “amazing stuff.”

The setting was a classroom at Daisy Bates Elementary School in Little Rock. On this particular Friday afternoon, the 24 K-5 students in the afterschool program run by Pulaski County Youth Services learned how to make DIY toothpaste. “This stuff tastes amazing,” exclaimed one 3rd-grader with approval when sampling the smooth, glossy paste.

The hour-long project was part of a semester-long oral health education series, funded in part by a Community Grant from the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation.

We love oral health education that tastes amazing. And we’re eager to evaluate other yummy oral health projects to brighten the smiles of Arkansans.



*After school oral health classes result in healthier smiles for K-5 students.*

For more information on specific grants or to apply for funding, visit [deltadental.com/foundation](https://deltadental.com/foundation) or contact the Foundation at [foundation@deltadental.com](mailto:foundation@deltadental.com)

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