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1/26/2021	Rural Counties Health and Fitness	Marianna	Dental and PPE Education Outreach	Our efforts will help the community expand their knowledge on benefitting from our previous dental health education program through providing resource of free oral supplies that promotes a daily routine of taking care of oral health needs.	\$2,500.00
1/26/2021	CARTI Foundation	Little Rock	Oral Care Rescue Bags for Cancer Patients at CARTI Dental Clinic	<p>Project Description: To provide 100 Oral Care Rescue Bags for Cancer Patients who receive treatment at the CARTI Dental Clinic in order to help reduce the side effects of their cancer treatment.</p> <p>Project Goal: CARTI plans to improve oral health and improve quality of life (QOL) by providing 100 cancer patients with rescue bags containing products that are appropriate during oncology care.</p> <p>Rescue Bags include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Squigle toothpaste which has no harsh ingredients with benefits of Xylitol -ultra-soft toothbrushes to prevent tissue injury -SPRY oral moisture spray which contains tooth re-mineralizing calcium and phosphate and tissue lubrication to protect friable tissues -Mild mints which contain the benefits of Xylitol and tooth re-mineralizing calcium and phosphate -Lip balm to protect patients' lips from drying and cracking which can lead to infection <p>Age Range: 21-65</p> <p>Recipients of the Rescue Bag were surveyed to gain feedback of actual patient experience. CARTI patients had a reduction in side effects after using these products, including dry mouth and a clean oral environment. Over 90% of recipients felt that future patients would benefit from the Rescue Bags and found the products to be "very useful" to "useful". CARTI will continue patient education to support oral health during treatment into survivorship. CARTI will also continue to use patient feedback to improve outcomes and</p>	\$2,500.00

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				continue its relationship with Side Effects Support LLC to ensure the best product research.	
2/19/2021	Rural Community Alliance	Little Rock	RCA-National Children's Dental Health Month Celebration	The goal is to create behavioral changes in oral health. We understand that educating on the importance of oral health is the basis of the desired behavioral changes. This is one of the reasons that we are partnering with individuals and organizations which standing partnerships already exist. The hope is to keep this going and not just stop during the month of February. We are starting this work with younger children and we'll expand this to our Youth Network members who range from ages 10-16. It will become an addition to their self-care learning module and they'll serve as the messengers for children 9 and younger in their respective communities.	\$2,500.00
6/24/2021	Real Images	Alexander	MIRROR Project	<p>Real Images is a grassroots nonprofit organization with the mission and passion to serve and empower young girls and women. Positive self-image and esteem are the core concern of Real Images. Having a beautiful, healthy smile helps with confidence and increased self-esteem. For this reason, Real Images wants to team up with Delta Dental of Arkansas to educate our participants of Real Image's MIRROR Project on oral health, proper dental hygiene, and the many health concerns and risks associated with improper oral care and health. We want to equip our girls with the basic preventative measures and tools to ensure that they are treating smiles with the best care. Our goal is to ensure that girls in our MIRROR Project understand that with a healthy mouth and bright smile comes great self-image and esteem and amazing first impressions.</p> <p>Real Images will dedicate lessons during our 4 week long MIRROR Project to educate the young ladies involved in the project of oral health and concerns and how it impacts how we see ourselves as well as how others see us.</p>	\$1,200.00
2/19/2021	University of Arkansas Foundation d/b/a	Little Rock	UAMS Dental Hygiene Sealant Clinic-2021	To provide oral hygiene education, fluoride varnish, and sealants to elementary students in Pulaski County in order to decrease their risk for caries through education and awareness.	\$1,000.00

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3/18/2021	Samaritan Community Center	Rogers	Emergency Oral Care Clinic: First Step to Oral Health for Expectant Moms and Trafficking Victims	<p>The participants served during the extraction clinic typically have not had access to oral health treatment or services. Most of these clients have never seen a dentist or other oral health provider before.</p> <p>These clients are working toward housing stability, food security, and sustainable health. Nearly all of our clients have children in their families who also have not had access to oral healthcare and are in need of routine services. By providing services to these clients, it creates a new standard of care within families and communities and reinforces the importance of seeking out oral health services, not only when in crisis, but also for routine checkups.</p> <p>Shared Beginnings has a close and personal relationship with each of its clients. After the extraction clinic is over, Shared Beginnings will be surveying every patient and assessing continued barriers their clients face on their journey to positive oral health. All patients will be assessed for Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and provided assistance with enrollment. Those patients who need a regular oral health care provider will be provided with possible list of providers. Shared Beginnings, with help from their staff Marshallese translators, will ensure that patients are introduced to an appropriate dental care professional who will continue their journey to restoring oral health.</p>	\$2,500.00
5/7/2021	Arkansas State University Mid-South, Parents As Teachers Program	West Memphis	Healthy Eating Habits and Oral Hygiene for Families with Young Children	<p>Increase awareness of importance of eating healthy and oral hygiene and utilization of dental health services for prenatal mothers and children. We will create social and behavioral change by educating families in the prenatal stage. Educational items will include information handouts for adults (through Parents As Teachers program</p>	\$2,500.00

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5/7/2021	Greater New Bibleway Church of God in Christ	North Little Rock	Greater New Bibleway Church Health & Wellness Community Outreach Service	We hope to provide dental, health supplies and education pamphlet to encourage and promote proper dental care and health care. We hope that by providing the proper education and information will encourage and promote individuals to understand the importance of good dental and health hygiene. We hope that it will encourage consistent care (daily care). We hope that the individuals we seek dental care from a dental provider. If an individual do not have a dental provider, provide a listing of providers for their selection.	\$1,600.00
5/7/2021	Civitan Services	Bryant	Smiles with Heart	Statistically speaking, children with disabilities are at a much higher risk of developing tooth decay and experiencing mouth related injuries than their non-disabled peers. Despite these statistis, dental care has not traditionally been a focus for educators and families. This is understandable, as there are many other factors at play in the lives of families living with disabilities, but Civitan Services is seeking to change that narrative and provide this much needed education to our students and families through the Smiles with Heart program. As the heart is the center point of our logo, everything we do at Civitan Services is from hour hearts (hence the name of our program) and inspires us to strive to do things to the best of our ability. Our vision for this project is to provide an opportunity for our students to learn the self care aspect of proper dental hygiene, beginning as young as year 1, while also providing this same education for the families of our students who also may not have ever been properly taught. Our families predominantly come from lower income, lower socioeconomic	\$2,500.00

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6/24/2021	Pediatric Plus Community Connections	CONWAY	Respite Care Events	The overwhelming feedback that Community Connections receives from families is that our kids with special needs are struggling tremendously with anxiety and behavior meltdowns as a result of changing schedules and less opportunities to get outside and be with other children. Community Connections has had a huge opportunity to offer loaner equipment such as basketballs and fishing poles. We have set up zoom parent, teen, young adult, and kids' support group calls to help give social interaction but the kids want and need to be with other kids. We feel the pressing need to support our caregivers and children, so we started our Respite Care events in March of 2021. Respite events hosted in Conway and Little Rock have filled up with waiting lists. If granted funded, we plan on offering additional spaces and dates starting in September through the end of 2021. By having kids in one place, we are able to talk and educate the kids on oral health and remind caregivers to schedule a visit to a dentist. Further, we believe that healthy children come from healthy homes, and by offering dental supplies and reminders- we can help foster healthier families!	\$2,500.00
5/7/2021	Union Rescue Mission	Little Rock	Rescue Smiles 2021	<p>We seek funds to provide four clients with dentures. Two clients are women who are seeking recovery and shelter with us. Two are men in our recovery program. As you are probably aware, domestic violence and drug abuse devastate our communities.</p> <p>Here at the Union Rescue Mission, we seek to provide recovery and shelter for the men and women escaping domestic violence, sex trafficking, and drug and alcohol abuse.</p> <p>Women and their children come to us literally</p>	\$2,500.00

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6/24/2021	The Salvation Army	Little Rock	Impacting Oral Health in the Homeless Community Through Hygiene Packs and Teeth-Friendly Foods	<p>broken, desperate, and even homeless. Men sometimes directly from the streets. These men and women have struggled for basic survival. Dental health has not been a possibility for them or on the forefront of their minds.</p> <p>However, we all know the connections between strong dental health and overall health of individuals. As part of their physical and emotional healing process, we seek funds to provide basic dentures and to help provide healthy smiles to these men and women recovery.</p> <p>The Salvation Army in Central Arkansas provides hygiene packs and meals to the homeless population in Central Arkansas. The Salvation Army will use mini-grant funding to purchase individually-wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste to include in hygiene packs that are distributed through our service centers and daily community breakfasts. We would also use funding to purchase healthy, teeth-friendly food for the people we serve in our Center of Hope shelter and the larger homeless population through our daily community breakfast. Without these necessary oral health items and healthy, non-processed food that do not promote tooth decay, the homeless population we serve may not have access to items that would enable them to experience oral health. We will also work to provide access to oral hygiene education through life skills classes.</p>	\$2,500.00
6/24/2021	Arkansas Oral Health Coalition	Little Rock	Paint A Smile fluoride varnish program	<p>The PAS program creates behavioral change by training and promoting non-dental medical professionals to offer oral health education and provide preventive dental services in medical facilities resulting in lowering the incidence of Early Childhood Caries and increasing family's establishment of a dental home to receive routine preventive services that can last throughout the life cycle. Another behavioral change initiated by the PAS program is to promote collaboration between the historically separate medical and dental care providers for establishment of medical dental integration. The collaboration between the healthcare professions will strengthen the efforts</p>	\$2,500.00

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				<p>to promote behavioral changes for establishment of dental homes. Families with a dental home are more likely to seek preventive care for their children at earlier ages.</p> <p>Research shows interdisciplinary collaboration improves oral health for high-risk populations. Sharing tasks (providing oral health education, providing oral health screenings, risk assessments, and fluoride varnish applications), sharing a workforce (including non-dental professionals to perform preventive dental services) and growing relationships in the community to share positive, accurate information all work together to improve outcomes in high risk communities and populations. The PAS program promotes behavioral changes in dental practices. Often general dentists are reluctant to see children prior to school age. According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, American Public Health Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics an initial dental visit during the first year of life is the standard of care. This is a major promotional component for behavioral change in the PAS program. These joint efforts for medical and dental provider behavioral changes will result in public social changes for earlier dental visits, supporting early detection and prevention of caries in Arkansans.</p>	
8/5/2021	Children's Museum of Northwest Arkansas d/b/a Scott Family Amazeum	Bentonville	Toothapalooza 2021	<p>For one day, Amazeum guests will be welcomed into a zone in the outdoor Playscape full of focused activities that explore oral health with an accessible, hands-on, inquiry driven approach. Using activities that invite children and families to play together, even the youngest guests will exit the zone with an increased personal knowledge of oral health and wellness.</p>	\$2,500.00

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