



WRIGLEY Company Foundation

Supporting our vital volunteer network

GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS AWARDED BY ADAF AND THE WRIGLEY COMPANY FOUNDATION

During Dental Health Week 2014 (4–10 August) 13 worthy volunteer groups across Australia were awarded a total of USD\$82,000 in grant funding.

Now in its fourth year, the Wrigley Company Foundation and Australian Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) Community Service Grants continue to make a difference to high risk, marginalised groups such as the elderly, disabled, homeless, Indigenous communities and disadvantaged children. These grants provide much needed funds to help purchase supplies, equipment and establish oral health education and free treatments to commence or expand existing community programs.

This year also saw an increase in grant applications from public health organisations, which is possibly a reflection that, although most states have recorded a decrease in public waiting lists, there is still a strong need for additional public sector funding.

THE 2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS

PRINCIPLES IN ACTION GRANT

One Principles in Action Grant of US\$10,000 was awarded to:

- Women's and Children's Hospital in North Adelaide/Oncology App (SA)

DENTAL STUDENT GRANTS

Three Dental Student Grants of US\$6,000 each were awarded to:

- University of Melbourne/The D3G Group/Student Power (Vic)
- Griffith University/Hope4Health Cherbourg Volunteer Dental Clinic (Qld)
- The University of Newcastle/Outreach Oral Health – the Van experience (NSW)

DENTIST PRACTITIONER GRANTS

Nine Dentist Practitioner Grants of US\$6,000 each were awarded to:

- Little Happy Tooth Co (SA)
- Kimberley Dental Team 'KDT' (WA)
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance (NSW)
- Carevan Foundation/Sun Smiles Project (NSW)
- North Richmond Community Health/Oral Health in Scope (Vic)
- Queensland Health Gold Coast Oral Health Services 'Precious Children, Precious Smiles'(Qld)

- Darling Downs Hospital and Health Services/Supporting Strong Smiles (Qld)
- Dental Outreach/Senior Smiles (SA)
- WestCare Clinic, National Dental Foundation (SA)

"The ADAF congratulates this year's successful grantees. A recent Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report* confirmed dental decay is a chronic disease. It's the volunteer groups of dentists and other dental professionals who provide Australia's most deprived communities with free oral health treatments and education that need to be applauded. These volunteer initiatives are helping first-hand to curb the growing rate of dental decay and disease with at-risk groups," said David Owen, Chairman Advisory Board, Australian Dental Association Foundation.

Andrew Leakey, General Manager, Wrigley Pacific, said: "The grants and their hard working volunteers, help bridge the gap in access to oral care services and dental education throughout Australia. Wrigley is committed to improving the state of dental health in Australia and around the globe. The Wrigley Oral Healthcare Program operates in 47 countries worldwide to engage dentists on the benefits of sugar free gum as part of good oral healthcare routine and initiatives such as the Community Service Grants are dedicated to supporting the communities where oral care support is needed the most."

Last year, the 2013 Wrigley Company Foundation and ADAF grants recruited more than 170 volunteers to cover 4,600 treatments. The volunteers completed more than 6,000 volunteer hours providing dental health care services and free treatments to those who need it most, e.g., older Australians, people in low income households, Indigenous communities, disadvantaged children and people living in rural and remote areas.

Full details of the grant recipients can be found on the ADA website and will also be published in the *News Bulletin*, October 2014.

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*AIHW 2014. *Australia's Health 2014. Australia's health 14. Cat. No. AUS 178. Canberra: AIHW.*