

# Delta Dental Community Care Foundation

## 2021 Mississippi Giving

**In 2021, the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation granted \$225,000 within the state of Mississippi.**

The Foundation partnered with local community organizations to increase access to care, support dental education, fund research that advances the oral health field and respond to disasters or other community needs as they arose.

### Mississippi Partner Spotlight

Manna Ministries programs are directly involved in addressing the issue of the uninsured and low-income families who lack access to medical and dental care. Recognizing that oral health is an integral part of overall health, Manna Ministries aims to improve the quality of life and health of Mississippi residents while addressing lack of access to oral healthcare. The poverty rate in the organization's clinic target service areas is 17.9 percent, and there are no clinics that offer free dental care within a 250-mile radius. Through funding from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, Manna Ministries was able to open a dental clinic for all uninsured offering access for oral health screenings, extractions, dental health education and dental hygiene packets at no cost to the patients.



Since 2011, the Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of California, has awarded more than \$80 million across 15 states and the District of Columbia in the form of:

**Access to care grants** are awarded to organizations working to increase access to quality dental care for underserved children, seniors and adults.

**Education and research grants** provide funding for oral health research and scholarships for students pursuing the dental profession.

**Community Giving grants** support local nonprofits, including organizations promoting social justice, chronic disease and disaster relief.

## Mississippi organizations the Foundation supported in 2021:

**Central Mississippi Civic Improvement Association Inc.**

Jackson

**Coastal Family Health Center Inc.**

Biloxi

**East Central Mississippi Health Care Inc.**

Sebastopol

**Manna Ministries Inc.**

Picayune

**Mission First Inc.**

Jackson

**Outreach Health Services Inc.**

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**Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi**

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