

# Oral Health foundation



The Cincinnati Dental Society's Oral Health Foundation's mission is "To improve access to dental care to low income citizens of the Greater Cincinnati area by providing basic dental care, decay prevention, oral hygiene instruction and nutritional counseling."

## Delta Dental Center at Roberts Academy

### *Soft Opening Highlights!*

May 31, 2025, was the soft opening of the Delta Dental Center at Roberts Academy, which will provide dental care to children ages 3 to 18. The CDS's Oral Health Foundation donated \$100,000 in memory of late Board of Director, Patricia S. Walter, DMD. The grand opening will take place in August of 2025!

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# Executive Director's Message

For this annual newsletter, I would like to focus on a legacy, Dr. Jack Gottschalk. Ten years ago, the Foundation's Board of Directors named an award after Dr. Gottschalk, "*Jack W. Gottschalk, DDS, Notable Service Award*" and I was honored to be the first recipient in 2015.

On May 9, 2025, at The Kenwood Country Club we celebrated our final celebration. It was bitter sweet, but we all know Jack's spirit will remain alive in us forever. Nancy, Jack's wife, was unable to attend, but she sent her love and her gratitude to everyone in attendance for celebrating Jack's life and legacy with this award for the last 10 years.

In 2014, Dr. Gottschalk presented to the Board his idea of acknowledging and recognizing an individual or group who has provided profound and impacting contributions to the improvement of oral health of the underserved in the Greater Cincinnati area. They liked the idea so much, they made the decision to name the award after Jack.

This individual or group would have to meet the following criteria.

- Unselfishly works, supports, and advocates for the cause.
- Gives generously of their time and talent.
- Sets examples for others.
- Is passionate and compassionate about helping others.

That evening, I had the pleasure of being the Master of Ceremony and I took a few minutes to remind everyone of the amazing people who received this award after me. Unfortunately, two are no longer with us; Patty Walter, 2016 recipient and Linda Smith, 2017 recipient. Both were incredible people. They used to call us, me, Patty and Linda, the three musketeers. What one did not think of the other one did, especially when it came to helping others. "There is no way that will work" was not in their vocabulary and that is what made them so special. They are truly missed and there are no words I can say that takes the pain away of losing them so early in their lives. Patty died on September 25, 2015, and her husband proudly accepted the award on her behalf on April 7, 2016. Linda passed away on February 1, 2024.

Then we had the dynamic trio, Dr. Marilyn Crumpton (2019), Nancy Carter (2018), and Francie Wolgin (2024). Despite many, MANY obstacles, they were successful at helping thousands of children and adults at the City's dental centers and the school-based dental centers. *Truly incredible women!*

Due to the pandemic in 2020, we had to combine years 2021 and 2022. The 2021 recipient was a group of amazing individuals who worked at the Cincinnati Health Department School Based Dental Centers. The UC Health's Advanced Education in General Dentistry program, faculty and residents, were the 2022 recipient. Both groups worked tirelessly, especially during the pandemic, helping improve the oral health of many children and adults. At times they put their own health at risk!



Then last, but not least our 2023 recipient, Greater C Dental Lab. They have always been supportive of our "Leave No Vet Behind" program by donating or heavily discounting their lab fees.

Every one or group that has received the award have many qualities in common. It was not a surprise when the Board of Directors made the decision to honor Dr. Kenneth Brandt with the final "*Jack W. Gottschalk, DDS., Notable Service Award*".

Dr. Brandt was selected for his continued dedication to helping children and veterans in the Cincinnati area, for starting the "Leave No Vet Behind" program and working closely with the Joseph House, which helps veterans and their families with addiction. Since the inception of the LNVB program, he has volunteered his time and talent providing complimentary dental care until his retirement a couple years ago. He continues to serve as the president of the Foundation and finds additional ways to increase access to dental care for veterans and our children.

I know Dr. Gottschalk would be so proud of all the accomplishments our Foundation has made and the many children and veterans we have helped since the Foundation's inception in 2005.

A big thanks to everyone who has made it possible for our Foundation to continue changing lives in the Greater Cincinnati area. I am pleased to provide you with highlights of our charitable programs in this newsletter!

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**Oral Health**  
*foundation*



## Charitable Programs Summary and Update

### Children Ages 3 to 18

#### “Children’s Specialty Dental Care”

Free dental care is provided to children that require sedation to complete their dental care, but do not necessarily need to be treated in an OR setting. Careful case selection is necessary and the pediatric dentist, as well as the anesthesiologist, determine the children who can be safely treated with in-office sedation. To be eligible, the family will not have dental insurance, including Medicaid, and have an annual family income that falls at or below the 200% federal poverty guidelines. Families are pre-qualified for the program before treatment begins. For children that are covered under Medicaid, the Foundation Board, on occasion may approve covering services that are not covered by Medicaid.

#### Program Update

Working collaboratively with the Dental Director of the Cincinnati Health Department’s Dental Division, their school based dental centers, private Pediatric Dentists, we continue to help children that require sedation for completion of their dental care. We are always looking for volunteers, so please see the insert in this newsletter for details.

#### “Foundation of Smiles”

This program is available to children ages 3 to 18 who qualify based on the Foundation’s guidelines and that need orthodontic care due to Craniofacial/Skeletal Anomalies, Trauma, Medical Necessity, Dental and Periodontal Health Adversity, and Psychosocial Impact. This endeavor may take multiple specialties and require a great deal of coordination as well as follow-up. Families are asked to contribute a minimal amount toward the treatment. Services covered include orthodontic care, periodontal care, prosthodontic care, and any prosthodontic appliance needed to complete treatment. Cases are approved by the Foundation Board. We have six active cases, two just this year. We are pleased to say we have five orthodontists that have signed-up for this program.

Following under our “Foundation of Smiles” program is our new Space Maintenance Program, which provides space maintenance appliances for patients with one or more missing teeth, children or adults or patients receiving orthodontia treatment at time of request. Cincinnati Dental Society members may request coverage for their patients by completing a certain form. Members can obtain this form from our Executive Director, Vicki Nixon, at [vicki@cincinnati.org](mailto:vicki@cincinnati.org).

#### “Leave No Vet Behind”

The purpose of our “Leave No Vet Behind” program is to eliminate pain and all sources of infection, with the ultimate goal of attaining a base level of good oral health for each Veteran. Free dental care is provided for Veterans who are not eligible to receive dental benefits through the VA Hospital, have no dental insurance, including Medicaid, and with annual family income that falls at or below the 200% federal poverty guidelines. Veterans are

pre-qualified for the program before treatment begins and live in **Brown, Clermont, Hamilton, or Warren counties of Cincinnati**. **Veteran must have received and Honorable discharge from the Uniformed Services of the United States to be eligible for this program.**

For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this program, please see the insert in this newsletter.

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*(Continues from Page 3)* **“Leave No Vet Behind”**

**Impact**

- 2009 112 Veterans received over \$84,000 in donated care.
- 2010 228 Veterans received over \$231,000 in donated care.
- 2011 Continued to complete Veterans from 2010.
- 2012/2013 115 Veterans received over \$130,000 in donated care.
- 2014 78 Veterans received over \$155,000 in donated care.
- 2015 90 Veterans received over \$115,000 in donated care.
- 2016 87 Veterans received over \$128,000 in donated care.
- 2017 110 Veterans received over \$126,700 in donated care.
- 2018 115 Veterans received over \$127,800 in donated care.
- 2019 111 Veterans received over \$148,860 in donated care.
- 2020 46 Veterans received over \$58,977 in donated care.
- 2021 55 Veterans received over \$104,097 in donated care.
- 2022 83 Veterans received over \$63,560 in donated care.
- 2023 84 Veterans received over \$107,345 in donated care.
- 2024 84 Veterans received over \$116,728 in donated care.

**Total Since Inception  
1398 Veterans at \$1,697,067  
in Reported Donated Care**



**NEW – “Leave No Vet Behind”  
Enhancement**

It's called the “Extension for Prevention” whereby volunteers, if they so choose, can provide preventative services to their Vets after the completion of their one-year treatment period. By extending preventative care, we can hopefully prevent the Vet from regressing back with the poor dental health that they presented with.

The patient will be entitled to one recare appointment/year, and the volunteer dentist will be reimbursed 100% of their usual recare fee. If any subsequent treatment is diagnosed, the patient would have to requalify for the “Leave No Vet Behind” program in order to be covered. Many of our volunteers have already been including their Vets into their recare systems, and this just rewards them financially for going above and beyond.

Volunteers of the LNVB program may obtain additional information from Vicki Nixon at [vicki@cincinnati.org](mailto:vicki@cincinnati.org).

**“Leave No Vet Behind” Program”**

Dear Vicki,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your assistance in securing approval for my dental work. Your efforts on my behalf have truly made a significant difference in my life, and I wanted to take a moment to convey my sincere appreciation.

Your dedication and commitment to assisting Rebuilding America's Warriors is commendable, and I am incredibly thankful that you were able to work with me through this process. The support I received has eased a considerable burden, and I am profoundly grateful for your understanding and responsiveness throughout.

Knowing that organizations like Rebuilding America's Warriors and individuals like yourself are working to support veterans like myself is incredibly meaningful. Thank you again for your compassion and hard work. I am truly indebted to you.

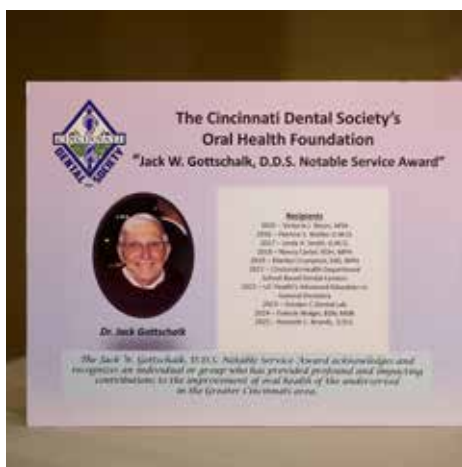
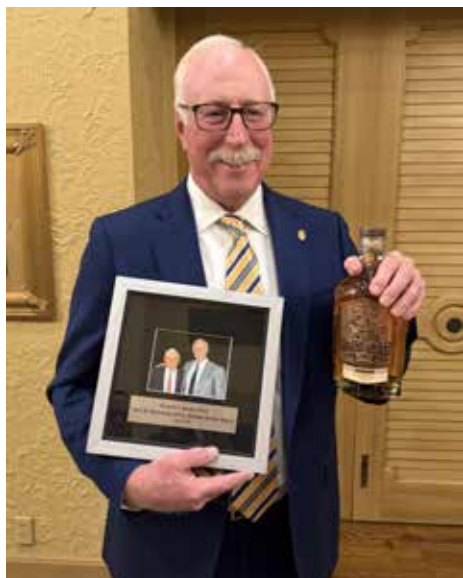
Sincerely,

Claude Owens  
AF Wounded Warrior

# “Jack W. Gottschalk, DDS, Notable Service Award” *Celebration Highlights*

## Honoring Kenneth C. Brandt, DDS

### 2025 Recipient





Dr. Kenneth Brandt and Family





Dr. Chris Heck surprises Vicki Nixon, Executive Director, with 25 year anniversary gift!



Foundation Board of Directors and Executive Director  
L to R: Dr. Mike Schaeffer, Vick Nixon, Dr. Ken Brandt,  
Dr. Monica Newby, Dr. Wayne Wauligman, and Butch Stenger.



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***We thank those who donated their time and talent in 2024 and 2025! – (2025 – As of May 31, 2025)***

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## CDS's Oral Health Foundation's "Leave No Vet Behind" Program Volunteer Opportunities 2025!

The purpose of our "Leave No Vet Behind" program is to eliminate pain and all sources of infection, with the ultimate goal of attaining a base level of good oral health for each Veteran. Offered by the CDS's Oral Health Foundation, free dental care is provided for Veterans who are not eligible to receive dental benefits through the VA Hospital, have no dental insurance, including Medicaid, and with annual family income that falls at or below the 200% federal poverty guidelines. Veterans must pre-qualify for the program before treatment begins, and lives in **Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, or Warren counties of Cincinnati**. **Veteran must show proof of receiving an Honorable discharge from the Uniformed Services of the United States to be eligible for this program.**

Our "Leave No Vet Behind" program will celebrate 16 years in September of this year. To date, our volunteers have donated over \$1.5 million in comprehensive dental care to Cincinnati Veterans who are not eligible for dental care at the VA Hospital, or unable to utilize Cincinnati Health Department and City of Cincinnati dental clinics due to financial constraints. In previous years, some volunteers participated in our screening events and/or at our treatment day. Other volunteers treat Veterans in their private offices. A **BIG** thank you to you, and your staff, for being part of this worthwhile program!

We continue to work with the Cincinnati Health Department's Dental Division where veterans are seen at their Millvale Health Center location as well as NeighborHub Health (formerly Cincinnati Health Network) HealthCare Connection and Primary Health Solutions. This is another resource that has helped us continue to increase the number of veterans we see each year.

Volunteer dentists and specialists have the option of receiving up to 40% of the dental fee or donating their care 100%. All lab bills and sedation are paid at 100%. So, you if you have not participated in our LNVB program before or if you wish to continue, please complete the section below and return to our Executive Director, Vicki Nixon, by email, [vicki@cincinnati-dental.org](mailto:vicki@cincinnati-dental.org) or fax, 513-984-3047.

Dentist Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be happy to provide care at my private office. Please refer \_\_\_\_\_  
(number) patients to my office.

Person and phone number to coordinate patients if providing care in private office:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am proficient in oral surgery and can take non-sedation cases.

Services I cannot or prefer not to take on include: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to volunteer. However, I would like to donate to the Foundation. Please make check payable to **CDS's Oral Health Foundation** and mail along with this form to: Cincinnati Dental Society, 9200 Montgomery Rd., Suite 21-A, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR LNVB PROGRAM!**

# Cincinnati Dental Society's Oral Health Foundation

## Children's Specialty Dental Care Program



Children that require IV-sedation dentistry or general anesthesia due to complex dental treatments are currently being referred to the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, where there is an extremely long waiting list. In order to expediate this much needed care, we want to remind you that our Foundation has available funds to cover in-office sedation for children who are covered by Medicaid or have no insurance. Our guidelines require that the children be between the ages 3- 18, and their family annual income falls at or below the 200% federal poverty level. We also want to remind the pediatric dentistry community that besides paying for the in-office sedation, we have funds available to help cover up to 40% of their normal fee structure.

If you are interested in learning more on how to utilize the Cincinnati Dental Society's Oral Health Foundation's "Children's Specialty Dental Care Program", please complete the fillable section below and return to Vicki Nixon either by fax, 513-984-3047 or by email at [vicki@cincinnatiadental.org](mailto:vicki@cincinnatiadental.org).

We hope you will be interested in helping us reduce the number of children in your office that may be waiting for care.

*Kenneth C. Brandt, DDS*

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Kenneth C. Brandt, DDS  
President, CDS's Oral Health Foundation

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am interested in learning more, therefore,  
(Insert Name)

please send information to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide contact information with email address.)

If you would prefer to email Vicki to request additional information without completing this form, please use email: [vicki@cincinnatiadental.org](mailto:vicki@cincinnatiadental.org).

**THANK YOU!**