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## Sun Life awarded \$15,000 grant from Delta Dental

CASA GRANDE - With an unwavering commitment to ensuring access to oral health education and preventive dental care, especially for children, the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation proudly announced its 2016 annual grant awards last month.

Nearly \$600,000 was distributed to 34 Arizona community groups, including Sun Life Family Health Center, focusing on helping high-risk children and families, pregnant mothers, safety net clinics, community health centers, oral health education, dental health awareness programs and oral health coalitions.

“The Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation is focusing its efforts this year on improving the oral health of expectant mothers and their families, which is key as we know that lack of dental care can lead to dire health and financial consequences,” said Sandi Perez, executive director of the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation. “These 34 organizations across our state are making a huge impact and we are extremely proud to be able to support them in their efforts to keep Arizona families healthy.”

Grants range from \$2,000 to \$50,000 and support a broad array of preventive services. Sun Life Family Health Center received a \$15,000 grant over the next three years to implement school-based oral health screening services in Pinal County, Arizona. The organization will target school children, aged six and older, for these services. Sun Life is proposing to serve 600 children per year in school districts of Casa Grande, Eloy, Florence, Stanfield and Arizona City. Oral health screening services will be provided on-site at elementary schools in the designated districts, as well as health fairs and community events throughout the county.

Three additional groups also received supply grants to help distribute toothbrushes, dental floss and other needed oral health items for at-risk populations. For a complete list of 2016 grant recipients, please visit <http://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation/community-grants/grant-recipients.asp>.

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation grants are offered annually, with applications due each fall and awarded early the next year. An annual awards luncheon celebrating the growing numbers of organizations supporting the oral health needs of the community was held on January



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29, at the Tempe Center for the Arts where awardees received their funds from the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation.

### **ABOUT SUN LIFE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER**

Sun Life Family Health Center is Pinal County's largest primary care provider, and was one of the first community health centers in the state to have received accreditation from the Joint Commission (the gold standard of quality in healthcare). Sun Life serves both insured and uninsured Pinal County patients, and provides health services in family practice, dentistry, women's health, pediatrics, diabetes education, and much more.

Sun Life has several area family practice offices, located in Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Maricopa, Oracle, San Manuel. The Casa Grande general health facility (located on N. Arizola Road) houses management operations, as well as family dentistry, and provides in-house radiology, pharmacy and laboratory services. The Center for Women & the Center for Children on Florence Boulevard in Casa Grande offer women's wellness/maternity care and pediatric care (respectively). Our San Manuel family practice also offers radiology, diabetes education, and pharmacy services. Our Eloy, San Manuel, and Apache Junction locations offer family practice and a public pharmacy. Apache Junction also houses pediatrics and ob/gyn services. Coolidge, Maricopa, and Oracle are all family practice locations, with Maricopa adding pediatrics in September 2015.

To learn more about office locations and hours, visit [www.sunlifefamilyhealth.org](http://www.sunlifefamilyhealth.org). Sun Life...excellence in health care.

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