

The Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO) is dedicated to advancing oral health education, providing charitable care, and coordinating resources for Oregon's children and vulnerable communities.

Founded in 1982 by the Oregon Dental Association, the DFO brings smiles to our state's underserved children through the Tooth Taxi, a specially equipped 38-foot vehicle. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, since 2008 our dental professionals and volunteers have provided \$7 million dollars in free dental care and oral health education to more than 20,000 school-aged children, mainly in our state's rural areas.

*"I love to come here.  
When I grow up  
I want to be a dentist  
on the Tooth Taxi."*

— Child

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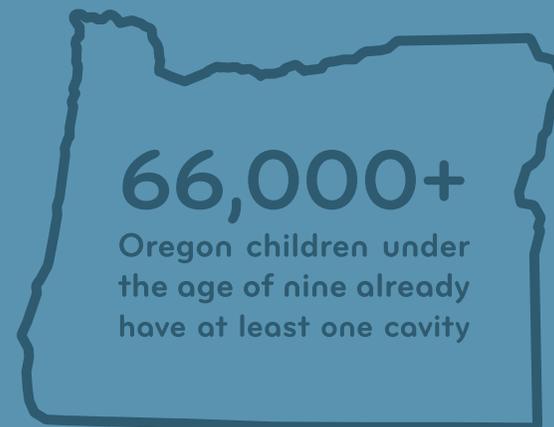
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a healthy smile

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# With your help, the Tooth Taxi provides dental care to underserved children across Oregon.

The Tooth Taxi is a joint venture between the Oregon Dental Association's charity, OEA Choice Trust and Delta Dental of Oregon.

As Oregon's leading advocate for our children's oral health, the DFO believes every child deserves quality dental care – and a healthy smile.

With your help, we can make preventable conditions like tooth decay and oral disease a thing of the past for Oregon's children. Your thoughtful, tax-deductible donation supports our Tooth Taxi, which offers dental care and education for those who need it most.

Donate online and learn about our special events at [SmileOnOregon.org](http://SmileOnOregon.org).

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## A cavity crisis...

It's hard to believe, but more than 66,000 Oregon children under the age of nine already have at least one cavity. Even worse, nearly a quarter of those kids have rampant decay, involving seven or more teeth. In survey after survey, Oregon consistently ranks near the bottom on almost every measure of oral health.

And the problem doesn't stop there. Children with dental pain have trouble sleeping, concentrating in school, and are in danger of being left behind. Left untreated, oral disease can lead to life-threatening infections like bacterial pneumonia, which can be fatal. Low-income children, who already have enough strikes against them, are at the greatest risk.

*It doesn't have to be this way.*

Oral disease is nearly 100 percent preventable. With education and proper care, no child needs to live with a mouthful of pain.

Fortunately, you can help.

## ...gets personal

Volunteers aboard the DFO's Tooth Taxi often return with touching stories of kids in need. Few cases illustrate the depth of Oregon's cavity crisis as much as a young patient seen by Dr. Amanda Rice, a former dentist on the Tooth Taxi.

*"Working as the Tooth Taxi dentist, I was reminded every day how fortunate I was to have been provided the basic necessities to sustain a healthy childhood. To hear a child explain to you that they can't brush their teeth because their family doesn't have access to water, is an epidemic many would associate with the third world. But we witnessed it daily in our travels throughout the Portland community. Oral hygiene instruction isn't concentrated on how to position the bristles of a brush, but also brainstorming ways a child can access clean water on a regular basis.*

*"Providing both emergent and preventative care to these children has been more than a rewarding experience, but a life-changing endeavor. I'm so fortunate and excited for our return visits, servicing populations with historically great need and limited access to dental care. Again, thank you to our supporters and Tooth Taxi volunteers who have given their time helping us achieve our mission. The kids and their families we service are so grateful for everything we do."*

