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## Connecticut State Dental Foundation 2025 House of Delegates Report [www.csdf.us](http://www.csdf.us)

*The CSDF Board of Trustees met on the following dates:*

*April 30, 2024*

*September 24, 2024*

*November 19, 2024*

*January 14, 2025*

*March 11, 2025*

*April 1, 2025*

### **Financial Statements:**

Our financial statements, tax returns, meeting minutes and other records such as grant, and scholarship applications are available for viewing at the CSDA Central Office by any interested individuals. Please see Jake Smith to obtain copies.

### **Foundation Activities:**

A total of \$128,000 was awarded for combined grants and scholarships in 2024-2025.

### **Foundation Funds:**

#### **General Fund:**

The General Fund is the single source for supporting all scholarship and grant applications received by the foundation in addition to any incurred operating expenses. The General Fund balance reflects the Foundation's true ability to expend dollars to fulfill our mission. Unless members designate otherwise, all contributions to the Foundation are deposited in the General Fund.

#### **James Kennedy Benevolence Fund:**

This fund is being established at the Connecticut State Dental Foundation, Inc. by an anonymous donor in honor of James F. Kennedy, D.D.S., M.S., former Dean of the School of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

#### **Nathan Marcus Fund:**

To honor Dr. Nathan Marcus' lifelong work and dedication to improving the field of dentistry, the Connecticut State Dental Association established a fund to acknowledge his work and memory. The sole purpose of this fund is to support continuing education programs in the field of dental medicine.

**R.E.N.D.E.R. Fund:**

This fund was established for the collection and the subsequent distribution of donated dental equipment to be used for providing care to the underserved by nonprofits in and out of the United States. The CSDF would like to remind members if they have equipment to donate, please contact Jake Smith at the Connecticut State Dental Association Central Office.

Since there have not been any donations since the passing of Dr. Adolph Bushell seven years ago, we will be discontinuing this fund and service.

**Patrick Lynch Fund:**

Dr. David Lynch established this fund and family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Lynch's cherished son, Patrick Lynch. The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to low – income and/or disabled individuals with their dental and general health care needs. Applicants are required to reside in the area served by the Greater Danbury Dental Society.

There was a single applicant for the Lynch Fund this past year, the first in many years. The applicant was provided with a prophylaxis, many restorations, and extractions and an upper and lower removable partial denture to restore his oral health.

**Relief Fund:**

This fund was established to provide financial assistance to dentists and their dependents that, because of accidental injury, a medical condition, disability, or advanced age, are unable to meet their basic living expenses.

No applications were made to this fund.

**New Business:**

Over the course of the past year, the CSDF finished updating its Bylaws under the expertise and direction of the CSDA's Legal Counsel. The new Bylaws will be reported to the HOD and then be to the Secretary of State's Office, as we are required to update them as a 501(3) (c) private foundation entity.

In addition to these administrative activities, the Board of Trustee has agreed to establish a Policy and Procedures manual. The manual will be used for the following: first is to ensure fairness and consistency among our board activities and review practices: and second, is to ensure consistency and the continuity of operations when critical members depart, such as our long-term treasurer.

**Meet the Foundations Board of Trustees:**

I invite you to speak with the CSDF Trustees about the work we carry out on behalf of the CSDA and what you would like to see incorporated into the Foundation's future mission and functions.

**Trustees:**

Dr. Donna Balaski, President  
Dr. Maria Smith, Vice President  
Dr. Thomas Ohlson, Secretary  
Mr. Jake Smith, Treasurer  
Dr. Susan Berey

Dr. Mimi DeLessio-Matta  
Dr. Elis Deros  
Dr. Renate Saunders  
Dr. Joseph Picone

**Immediate Past President:** Dr. Joel Davidson

**Staff Support:** Ms. Karen Wright

**Note of Appreciation**

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board of Trustees and their dedication to the Foundation over the past year. Without everyone's assistance, the CSDF would not have realized the position it is in today.

Respectfully submitted on May 13, 2025,

Donna Balaski, DMD