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Our mission

Improving child health by identifying, raising funds for, and investing in local, regional, and national initiatives supporting healthy smiles for all children.

Our philosophy

The AAPD Foundation is the nation's largest dentist-led charity dedicated to children's oral health. We believe children should not be penalized by forces beyond their control. All Foundation grant applicants and grant recipients must acknowledge all presenting children are eligible for care, regardless of gender, ethnicity, lifestyle preferences, family financial capacity, national origin, or citizenship status.

Our success stories

The Smile is a quarterly newsletter where we share success stories of our grantees and other happenings at the Foundation.



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American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation
211 E Chicago Avenue, Suite 1600, Chicago, Illinois 60611

Letter from the President



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are at a crucial moment for children's oral health in our country. Nonprofit clinics that serve our most vulnerable children are facing unprecedented challenges. Rising costs and federal funding cuts threaten the very infrastructure that provides dental care to marginalized children who have nowhere else to turn.

Underserved children across the U.S. still wake up with toothaches that prevent them from concentrating in school or even prevent them from being able to go to school. They still suffer infections that could have been prevented. We all can agree that they still deserve the same quality of care as any other child. What has changed is that the safety net that was designed to protect them is fraying.

This is precisely the moment the AAPD Foundation was built for. Thanks to our donors' support, we stand ready to meet this crisis. Your generosity has allowed the Foundation to step up when our grantee clinics need us most. Now, we must do exactly that.

To our long-time supporters: Your sustained commitment has prepared us for this challenge, and we cannot thank you enough. To those considering joining our mission: There has never been a more critical time. When clinics close, children lose.

Please stand up for all children. Your contributions directly support the nonprofit clinics on the front lines of this crisis that only will worsen in 2026. These clinics are real dental homes. They are the only places where many children can receive dental care. If these clinics struggle, children will suffer.

Together, we can ensure that funding cuts don't translate into children with pain. We know this is a stopgap, not a solution. But doing nothing simply isn't an option.

The need is urgent. Our resolve is firm. And thanks to your support, we will continue to ensure that every child has access to the dental care they deserve.

With gratitude and determination,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario E. Ramos".

Mario E. Ramos, DMD



WHEN CLINICS CLOSE, CHILDREN LOSE

Foundation allocates \$4 million in Bridge Grants for grantee clinics facing federal cuts

Millions of children are about to lose access to dental care. In response, the AAPD Foundation has committed \$4 million toward emergency grants for when anticipated cuts in federal funding take effect. These Bridge Grants – representing the largest single-year allocation in the Foundation's history – are intended to help mitigate some of the policy changes' devastating impact on vulnerable children.

"Unfortunately, these anticipated cuts are not a matter of if, but when," said AAPD Foundation President Dr. Mario Ramos. "And, with federal funding comprising on average two-thirds of nonprofit clinics' annual revenue, the consequences of these cuts are brutal: millions of vulnerable children will suffer."

Each year, roughly 20 million children access essential dental services through Medicaid reimbursements and local programs supported by federal grants. Once these policy shifts take effect, community clinics caring for the nation's most at-risk children will face impossible choices: curtailing operating hours, scaling back treatments, laying off essential staff, or shuttering their doors completely. Millions of children already living with tooth decay and oral pain will lose their only source of care.

"The AAPD Foundation always will stand up for kids," Dr. Ramos said. "That's why we have allocated nearly one quarter of our existing assets to meet this challenge."

The Foundation is currently developing application guidelines and review processes for qualifying clinics in order to respond swiftly once cuts materialize. Bridge Grants will be available by invitation only, with the Foundation aiming to distribute payments within 60 days following the application closing date.

"We know our funding cannot replace what will be lost, but we hope the speed of our fulfillment will serve as a bridge for our grantees – and the kids in their care – while they pursue funding from alternate sources," Dr. Ramos said. "There has never been a more important time to be a Healthy Smile Hero than now," he said.

Together, we can make a difference!

Your gift helps bridge the gap to keep children connected to care, no matter what funding changes may come.



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**The AAPD Foundation
always will stand up
for kids.**

Dr. Mario Ramos

AAPD Foundation President

Thank you for your support!

Healthy Smile Heroes don't wait for change, they fund it. Every donation strengthens our network of clinics and providers ensuring pediatric dental care for kids in need. We are grateful to our generous donors – **we can't do it without you!**





Beverly A. Largent Access to Care Innovator Award 2025

The winner of the 2025 Beverly A. Largent Access to Care Innovator Award sponsored by Elevate Oral Care is **Dr. Maria Rita Z. Bernardo** of FamilyCare Health Centers in West Virginia.

The Access to Care Innovator Award shines a light on someone making a big difference for little teeth. The award is named for an innovator of our own, the individual who took the first step in leading the Foundation into access to care: Dr. Beverly Largent. The Foundation is thrilled to recognize Dr. Bernardo as this year's honoree!

With more than 28 years of experience in general dentistry, Dr. Bernardo is highly revered by her community as a cornerstone of FamilyCare Health Centers and a tireless advocate for underserved kids across West Virginia.

Dr. Bernardo launched and continues to lead FamilyCare's Miles of Smiles Mobile Dental Unit, a school-based mobile program delivering preventive and restorative care to children in rural Appalachia—many of whom face significant barriers to care. She travels up to 120 miles round trip to ensure that even small numbers of students receive treatment, prioritizing equity and compassion in every community she serves.

Dr. Bernardo's dedication to service extends internationally. She has participated in dental missions to remote areas of the Philippines, providing extractions and education to communities with little or no access to dental care. This solidified her lifelong commitment to reaching the most vulnerable populations.

The 2025 Beverly A. Largent Access to Care Innovator Award is a testament to Dr. Bernardo's tireless dedication, exemplary leadership, compassion, and impact in the field of community dentistry. Thank you for your work and congratulations, Dr. Bernardo!



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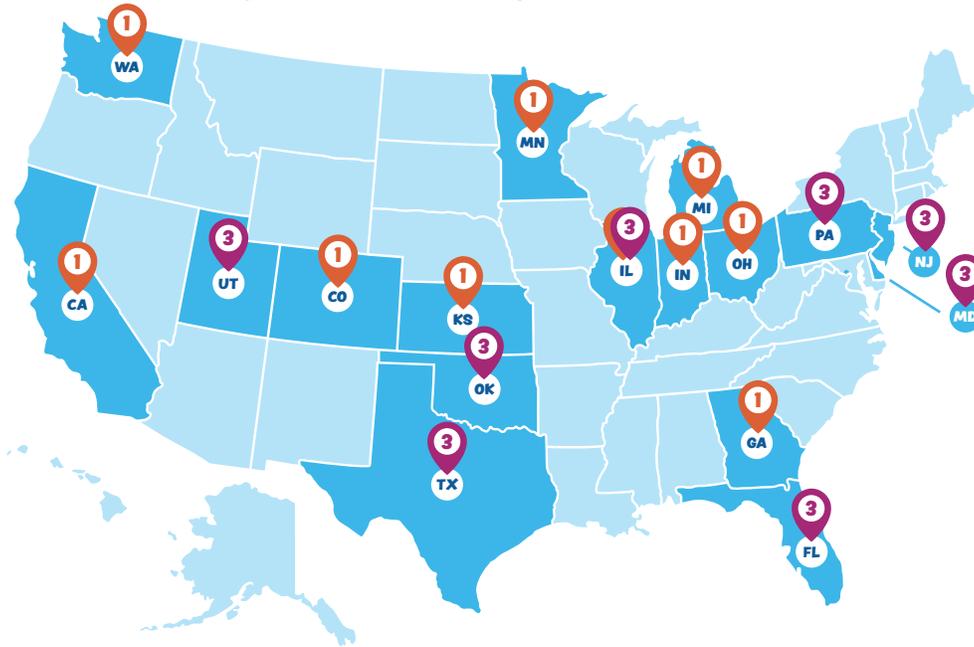
Putting our mission into action

Since 2010, the AAPD Foundation has issued more than \$11.3 million in grants to nonprofit clinics across the country to support healthy smiles, address barriers to care, and nurture children's health.

Our grant recipients are Healthy Smile Heroes!

Active Access to Care Grant Recipients

● One Year Grantees ● Three Year Grantees



One Year Access to Care Grant recipients

Our best chance to help children get the care they need is to work with local organizations that already know the barriers to care facing children in their communities. One Year Access to Care Grants support local clinics that demonstrate a commitment to overcoming those barriers and providing comprehensive oral health care to children. Selected applicants can receive one-year grants for up to \$30,000.

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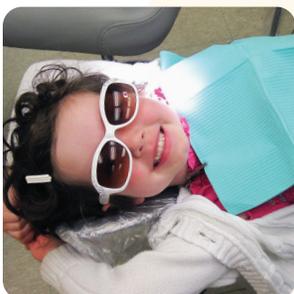
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Seattle, WA





“Thank you to the dental surgery team for easing our nerves and for communicating with my non-verbal son in a way that he could understand – by using his favorite stuffed animal as a “patient”! Thank you for treating him with dignity, but most especially, love.”

Mother of Alex

St. Bernard Dental Center

Chicago, IL

Eight-year-old Alex, a sweet and curious child with autism, needed specialized dental care under sedation. The journey to get it was not simple. With limited finances and a five-hour trip to the clinic, Alex’s family faced an overwhelming challenge.

Thanks to the dedication of the entire team at St. Bernard Dental Center, they were able to make it possible. Through virtual consultations and coordination with Alex’s primary care doctor, they gathered all the necessary documentation. On the day of surgery, the staff helped arrange transportation and housing, ensuring the family could focus on what mattered most – Alex’s care.

Because of this team effort, Alex received all the dental treatment needed safely and comfortably.

University of Minnesota Cleft and Craniofacial Clinic

Minneapolis, MN

Ethan is a bright young teen from rural Minnesota who faced an uphill battle to receive basic dental care. Ethan had dental anxiety, and access to dentists who are comfortable treating children with cleft and craniofacial differences is nearly nonexistent in his area. When he came to U of MN Craniofacial Clinic, the exam revealed caries on every single tooth – some beyond repair – despite his mother’s tireless efforts to find care.

Ethan’s mother tried multiple clinics, but the complexity of his condition meant he was repeatedly referred elsewhere. Even though they had state insurance, very few providers accepted it, and even fewer could treat someone with his specialized needs. On top of that, Ethan had other medical conditions that further strained the family’s limited resources.

Thanks to the Access to Care Grant, the U of MN Craniofacial Clinic team stepped in where others could not. Even though their clinic was out-of-network for Ethan’s insurance, the funding from the AAPD Foundation allowed them to provide Ethan the comprehensive dental care he urgently needed and deserved.



Do you know an organization caring for kids that might be a good fit for an Access to Care Grant?

Visit aapdfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/ to view our Grant Guidelines.

Applications open in July 2026.

Three Year Access to Care Grant recipients

Improving dental health care access requires innovation and time for solutions to work. Recognizing this, the AAPD Foundation invites qualified One Year Access to Care Grantees to apply for \$225,000, three-year grants, amplifying their resources and reach. Three Year Access to Care Grants support continuous, comprehensive oral health care for children through ongoing dentist-patient relationships that are accessible, coordinated, and family-centered.



KinderSmile Foundation

KinderSmile Foundation's Link to a Dental Home · Bloomfield, New Jersey

KinderSmile Foundation was founded in the community and for the community to fill a gap in available resources for children in New Jersey. KinderSmile's clinics are free of typical barriers to care that underserved communities face – they accept all patients regardless of insurance status and behavioral management needs, offer ease of transportation, offer flexible hours for working parents, and care for very young children.

KinderSmile turns no patient away and their focus on offering compassionate, culturally sensitive care builds healthy lifelong oral health habits and confidence. The Access to Care Grant is funding clinical supplies and salaries of dental care providers at the clinic and helping them to deliver essential, barrier-free dental care to over 6,000 underserved children per year.

Visit [KinderSmile.org](https://www.KinderSmile.org) to learn more.



Caridad Center

Health Equity for All · Boynton Beach, FL

Caridad Center is a dental care safety net to marginalized community members and offers a full range of free dental services, including oral care and prevention education, cleanings, extractions, emergency treatments and surgeries. The Access to Care Grant is expanding Caridad's resources to include an additional pediatric dentist on staff and additional hours of operation for pediatric appointments on Saturdays so children do not miss school. By increasing preventive care, improving treatment completion rates, and connecting families to comprehensive health services, Caridad is ensuring high quality dental care for historically marginalized children.

Visit [Caridad.org](https://www.Caridad.org) to learn more.



Want to learn more about how CommuniCare is helping Texas kids? Read about the Healthy Smile Hero's visit to the clinic.



CommuniCare Health Centers

CommuniCare Health Centers Pediatric Dentistry Program
San Antonio, TX



CommuniCare works to educate parents and patients alike, helping eliminate the cycle of poor oral health often seen within impoverished families.

The Access to Care Grant money covers a portion of the salary of CommuniCare's pediatric dental provider, who see patients at both the East and West campuses of the clinic and provides pediatric patients with oral exams, cleanings, sealants, fillings, extractions, stainless steel crowns, pulpotomies, space maintainers, nitrous oxide, and levels 1 and 2 sedations. This funding will enhance CommuniCare's ability to continue providing specialty care to San Antonio's most vulnerable communities.

Visit CommuniCareSA.org to learn more.

Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic

Dental Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs · Lancaster, PA

The Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic (LCPC) uses support from the AAPD Foundation to improve access to high quality pediatric dental care for children with special health care needs in Central Pennsylvania, a dental health provider shortage area.

The Grant is funding additional clinical staff members, pediatric dental equipment, and an additional pediatric dentist to give the clinic increased capacity to address its high demand for services. LCPC's interdisciplinary craniofacial team treats children with cleft and craniofacial differences. Their primary mission is to care for children with a high burden of dental needs. Patients are often experiencing the effects of poverty, extensive tooth decay, and/or behavioral challenges such as autism.

Support from Access to Care Grants has helped the Clinic grow their pediatric dental program by 39% over the last five years.

Visit CleftClinic.org to learn more.

Want a look inside America's first cleft palate clinic? Check out the Healthy Smile Hero's blog!



"The clinic put our minds and hearts were ease. There's so much support, expertise, and wisdom there. We not only had peace but a sense of belonging and family."

Mother of patient at LCPC



Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society

Dental Home for Low-Income Chicago-Area Children · Oak Park, IL

Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society (OPRF IWS) Children's Clinic provides affordable dental care to low-income children in western Cook County and is one of the only safety nets in the area for families with public insurance or no insurance. OPRF IWS provides full preventive and restorative pediatric care, including oral exams, oral health education, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, extractions, cavity repair, and space maintainers. The Access to Care Grant is supporting the salaries of the clinic's pediatric dentists. The funds have been instrumental in stabilizing the clinic's dental team as it works to expand services to children with special health care needs, children who have complex or extensive oral health problems, and children with behavioral health challenges.

Visit [ChildrensClinicIWS.org](https://www.ChildrensClinicIWS.org) to learn more.



University of Maryland, Baltimore

Oral Health for Underserved Uninsured Children (OH-UUC)
Baltimore, MD

OH-UUC addresses the oral health needs for the Baltimore community's undocumented children, children from limited income, and uninsured families, providing comprehensive care including chronic disease management, oral health education, preventive services, restorative care, and advanced behavior guidance techniques including nitrous oxide and sedation.

A high percentage of undocumented patients come from Spanish-speaking families, and a bilingual staff member contacts those families to set up appointments and works with providers for needed patient communication.

The Access to Care Grant is helping OH-UUC expand to include advanced services such as permanent teeth endodontics, minor surgical procedures (performed by oral surgery), early orthodontic interventions, and treatment in the operating room setting.

Visit Dental.UMaryland.edu to learn more.

Community Volunteers in Medicine

Comprehensive Dental Care for Low-Income,
Uninsured Children · West Chester, PA

Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) provides preventive, restorative and emergency services, along with oral health education and dental hygiene supplies for low-income, uninsured members of their community. Many of these families speak primarily Spanish. The Access to Care Grant is funding additional hours for a bilingual pediatric dentist who is certified to use nitrous oxide. This is important for young children with significant issues who may have never seen a dentist and react with strong anxiety. The grant is also funding a dental assistant who works chairside with the dentist, coordinates care with families, and helps facilitate CVIM's partnership with local school districts. Over the past six months, grant funding has enabled CVIM to provide comprehensive care for more than 400 uninsured, low-income children through school and Head Start partnerships.

Visit [CVIM.org](https://www.CVIM.org) to learn more.

Salt Lake Donated Dental Services

Community Pediatric Sedation Project · Salt Lake City, UT

Salt Lake Donated Dental Services (SLDDS) works diligently to increase equity by advancing access to essential and critical healthcare in their community despite the social determinants of health. Children often present at the clinic in need of extensive dental care. Oftentimes the only way SLDDS can provide the dental care they need is with general anesthesia services. The Access to Care Grant is funding safe, affordable sedation services and comprehensive dental treatment for up to 240 children. SLDDS's pediatric dentist and anesthesiologist work to complete all necessary procedures and treatment to restore the child's oral health in a single appointment, restoring their oral health and reducing financial barriers for families. Visit [DonatedDental.org](https://www.donateddental.org) to learn more.

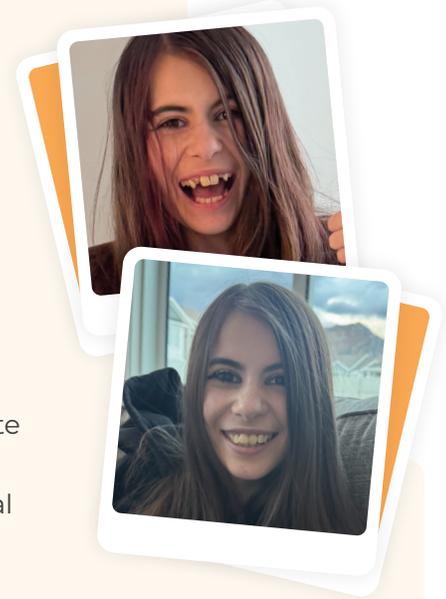
PATIENT STORY

When Heather and her daughter Grace moved to Utah, they were unable to qualify for Medicaid and unable to afford private insurance. Without coverage, they lost access to every medical and dental service they once relied on. Heather faced the painful reality of not being able to get her daughter the care she needed.

Grace's teeth were broken and damaged, and she endured cruel bullying at school because of her appearance. She stopped smiling and laughing, afraid of being ridiculed or hurt again. It was devastating for Heather to watch her daughter's confidence disappear, knowing she couldn't afford the costly dental treatment.

Their situation changed when a counselor at the junior high referred the family to Salt Lake Donated Dental Services. The clinic's director welcomed them with compassion and created an affordable, step-by-step treatment plan. Under the care of the skilled and caring dentists at the clinic, Grace finally received the dental procedures she had long needed.

Today, Grace's radiant smile has returned, and her confidence shines brighter than ever. Heather and Grace are deeply grateful to the doctors, staff, and generous donors whose kindness and support made this transformation possible!



Variety Care & Variety Care Foundation

Variety Care Anesthesia Initiative for Uninsured Children · Oklahoma City, OK

Variety Care is the only Central Oklahoma organization offering uninsured people comprehensive oral health care. Most of their patients struggle with poverty and the toll a lack of financial resources has on their health. Often children will need treatment under anesthesia, but hospital operating room time is minimally available, even for patients with insurance or who can self-pay. Barriers are even more significant for low-income, uninsured patients. The Access to Care Grant is funding sedation and dentist costs so Variety Care can provide sedation in a clinic setting as appropriate for individual patients.

Visit [VarietyCare.org](https://www.varietycare.org) to learn more.





Thank you for a great AAPD 2025

The Healthy Smile Hero had a rockin' time AAPD 2025 in Denver. It was an unforgettable celebration of education, connection, philanthropy, and community.



Scan the QR code to relive the fun!

We hope to see you for more heroic fun at AAPD 2026 in Las Vegas!



Q&A WITH DR. PEREZ

Why do you think it's important for others in the community to get involved and be Healthy Smile Heroes?

"We pediatric dentists are so very lucky to practice a great dental specialty that prevents, maintains and restores children's smiles and dental health. A child with good dental health and no pain nor infection is a beautiful and happy child. All children should be so fortunate, regardless of background, race or socioeconomic status. All of us AAPD members can contribute big and small and support our AAPD Foundation."

Dr. Ricardo A. Perez, DDS

Diplomate American Board of Pediatric Dentistry; member of AAPD; donor to AAPD Foundation

Pictured with his wife, Mrs. Christi Perez



AAPD/AAPD Foundation Leadership Institute renamed the Dr. John S. Rutkauskas Leadership Institute



In honor of retiring CEO Dr. John S. Rutkauskas's 27 years of service to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, the Boards of both organizations unanimously voted to rename the AAPD/AAPD Foundation Leadership Institute the Dr. John S. Rutkauskas Leadership Institute. The renaming of the program will be effective with Cohort VIII, which will begin in December 2026.

"I cannot think of a more appropriate honor for John," said AAPD Foundation President Dr. Mario Ramos. "He was instrumental in the program's development as a means for identifying, investing in, and developing future pediatric dental leaders."

The brainchild of AAPD and AAPD Foundation Past Presidents Drs. Joel Berg, David K. Curtis and Jerome B. Miller, more than 200 pediatric dentists and dental leaders over the last 20-plus years have received elite leadership training at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

"In my 14 years on staff, I've had the privilege of working with John and the Kellogg team in program structure and course selection," said AAPD Senior Vice President, Foundation and Integrated Marketing, Paul Amundsen. "He's meant so much to Leadership Institute, every step of the way."

More than 80 applicants have vied for 30 spots in each of the last three Cohorts, and recruitment now reaches deeper into the Academy membership, engaging and training the leaders of today – and tomorrow. "David, Jerry and Joel envisioned a program that would 'build our bench,' and John's steady hand has allowed Leadership Institute to do just that," Dr. Ramos said.



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Dr. Mario Ramos



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Interested in hosting?

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WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions Revenues	2025	2024
Contributions	\$ 369,411	\$ 365,592
Major Gifts and Pledges	63,042	22,247
CareQuest Grant		51,700
Affiliate Support	78,368	70,412
Other Revenue	60,000	
Net Investment Income	2,145,912	3,164,604
Total Without Donor Restrictions Revenues	\$ 2,716,733	\$ 3,674,555
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$ 251,037	\$ 348,034
Total Without Donor Restrictions Revenues and Releases From Restrictions	\$ 2,967,770	\$ 4,022,589
Expenses	2025	2024
Program Services		
Grants and Awards	\$ 1,423,273	\$ 1,090,659
Grant Making Costs	295,830	287,919
Support Services		
Marketing	332,892	364,582
Fundraising - Contributions	567,235	508,118
Management and General	516,391	415,000
Total Expenses	\$ 3,135,621	\$ 2,666,278
Change in Without Donor Restrictions Net Assets	\$ (167,851)	\$ 1,356,311
Without Donor Restrictions Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 17,656,369	\$ 16,300,058
Total Without Donor Restrictions Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 17,488,518	\$ 17,656,369



2024–2025 Financial Report

WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS NET ASSETS

With Donor Restrictions Revenues	2025	2024
CareQuest Grant	\$	\$ 73,300
Major Gifts and Pledges	285,458	178,153
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	(251,037)	(348,034)
Increase (Decrease) in With Donor Restrictions Net Assets	\$ 34,421	\$ (96,581)
With Donor Restrictions Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 1,015,225	\$ 1,111,806
Total With Donor Restrictions Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,049,646	\$ 1,015,225
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 18,538,164	\$ 18,671,594



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