The mission of the International College of Dentists, the oldest and largest honor society for dentists in the world™, emphasizes the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of all humankind. The Global Visionary Fund (GVF) ensures that, now and in the future, the College is positioned to carry out its noble mission. You are invited to join 12,000 ICD Fellows in 122 affiliated countries around the world and SHARE THE MISSION by donating to the GVF.
BRUSHING PROGRAM DEVELOPS INTO A MAJOR HEALTH INITIATIVE

As described by a program participant “Perched on a steep hillside in Nepal, Bhattedande’s 400 very poor residents rely largely on a subsistence farming lifestyle. With support from the ICD, a preventive dental program focusing on a supervised daily school-based tooth brushing program, preventive dental clinical care, and training of teachers in oral health and prevention was established. Having discovered the lack of running water (initially needed for cleaning the tooth brushes) and the implication to the near epidemic diarrhea in the young population, the Program of ‘Teeth And Toilets’ was established.

ICD funding was used to install taps, sinks and a mirror near the toilets enabling the children to wash their hands, as well as use the facilities for tooth brushing.

The ‘Teeth And Toilets’ program is critical – for without adequate sanitation in their homes, children must struggle to achieve basic health standards, let alone good oral hygiene practices.”
The International College of Dentists was founded with the sharing of scientific information as one of its chief tenants. ICD is true to its mission by supporting continuing dental education programs for dentists and dental team members, often by partnering with others. Providing oral health information to the public is another facet of this responsibility. The ICD Dental Safety Program, recently launched in China, creates awareness and increases compliance with accepted standards of infection control and safety in dental practices and humanitarian care settings. Financial support from the Global Visionary Fund allows College volunteers to deliver these programs.

**ICD Fellows and Sections**
collaborate with a wide variety of entities throughout the world including:
- Henry Schein Company
- WHO
- OSAP
- Rotary International
- IADR
- Dentists without Borders
- Smiling World, Portugal
- Cambodia M’Lop Tapang
- Chernobyl Children’s Fund
- Peace Corps, USA
- East Meets West, Vietnam
- Kothiwal Dental College
- Grace Church, Guatemala
- Peace Corps, Taiwan
- Street Angels, Brazil
- University Zurich Outreach
- Latvia Student Awards
- Kimberly Aboriginal Trust
- GK Hope Village, Philippines
- West Indies Dental Service
- Ukraine Orphanage Schools
- Dental Bridges, Spain
- Sierra Tarahamaru, Mexico
- Fernandez Hospital, Uruguay
- Tsunami Disaster Relief
- People’s Hospital, China
- Pakistan Dental Society
- White Coat Ceremonies
- Nepal Dental Association

**BUILDING CORPORATE ALLIANCES**
The Dental Camp project is making a significant impact on the delivery of dental services to the vulnerable and hard-to-reach 200 residents of all ages, who live in the Ruthimitu community—an informal settlement near the capital of Nairobi. The staff of the Kikuyu Hospital Dental Clinic and the Chogoria Hospital Dental Clinic, and the volunteers who served with them, are very grateful to Henry Schein Cares and the Global Visionary Fund collaboration. Henry Schein Cares is donating US$100,000 worth of dental equipment, technology, software and other dental products and services to GVF humanitarian projects and programs over a three-year period. Presently grant applications are being considered for the provision of materials and equipment in sustainable oral health and dental treatment projects.
DENTAL CARE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS

Home to less than 5,000 residents, the Tahoshan Tribe is located deep in the Taipei mountains over 100 kilometers from Taipei. It takes the nearest dentist over an hour to drive the muddy, treacherous roads. ICD Fellows examined and gave hygiene instructions to more than 100 residents.

MONASTERY IN MYANMAR

For two continuous days, ICD Fellows provided more than 300 people with free dental care in the rural site of the monastery compound in upper Myanmar. Fellows were assisted by the resident Buddhist nuns in explaining the need for treatment.

HANDS TO HOLD, HANDS TO HEAL

In the Australasian Section-supported Cambodian dental clinic, the impoverished children, usually without parents, learn to survive on the streets by taking care of each other from an early age. They even can be found providing handholding reassurance during the dental treatments of compassionate ICD volunteers.

TREKKING TO RURAL MEXICO

The Mexico Section has been providing health community services at Sierra Tarahumara, where the population of original native Indians live in extreme poverty. The day begins at eight in the morning by loading busses with equipment, medications and luggage. Ten hours later they transfer to pickup trucks due to lack of paved roads for two more hours until arrival at base camp where during the next two days more than 190 patients will have been treated.

ROOTS OF A DIFFERENT KIND

ICD Philippines Section Fellows and Philippine Army representatives dredged through the waters to assist in planting 400 Mangrove Seedlings at Barangay San Manuel at Puerto Princes. The project is designed to protect the environment and provide sanctuary for aquatic life after so many destructive storms and typhoons to the islands.

WITHOUT BORDERS

"Dentists Without Borders" journeys every summer, with 22 dentists, to India’s Anantapur District to treat needy patients as well as train native colleagues to enable year-round care for the local patients in their their makeshift clinic. The team sees more than a 1,000 children and 2,500 adult patients.

UNDER THE AFRICAN SHADE

An ICD-empowered outreach project focused on an elementary school in Lagos, Nigeria. A program of prevention and oral health awareness was delivered in a schoolyard under a tree to the children, who also received toothbrushes and toothpaste. After listening to a brief lecture, the children vied for the opportunity to answer follow-up questions and merit additional rewards.
The Global Visionary Fund, housed in the world headquarters of the College in Flint Michigan, USA, is managed by a Board of Directors and officers elected by the International Council, the governing body of the International College of Dentists.

ICD GLOBAL PROJECT REGISTRY

The GVF maintains an extensive Global Registry of ICD projects, for both active and completed programs, providing direct access to project organizers, staff and volunteers with firsthand insight into the development and management of a wide variety of humanitarian, educational and leadership programs in hundreds of locations around the world.

OVERSIGHT

An independent, international board of leading experts in scientific methods and project planning reviews the required compressive fund request applications to ensure that any support provided from the GVF is marked for projects that meet the exacting criteria of the Fund.

WHY I AM A GVF DONOR

“The GVF will have a significant impact on Dentistry while highlighting the value of membership, our humanitarian activities and act as a stimulus for the participation of future generations.”
Fellow Antonio Bello, Mexico

“We are fortunate to be highly educated and skilled as dentists. Now we should share what we have and what we know with the less fortunate people around the world.”
Fellow Ho Youl Chang, Korea

“We are committed to giving back to the industries and communities by providing equipment and materials for the oral healthcare mission workers.”
Simon Gambold, Managing Director Henry Schein UK

“It brings the wonderful opportunity of partnering with others and personally contributing to, and to be involved in, the betterment of mankind.”
Fellow Charles Simons, USA

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