

HDA is thankful to all of our members who continued to safely provide service to their communities throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Number of Events: 128

Total Individuals Served: 16,098 adults & youth

Oral Hygiene Packets Distributed: over 13,679

Total Donated Services: \$215,637



Did you or your chapter participate in an outreach event? Fill out an **HDA Outreach Event Report here:**



Dr. Christina Meiners

Service & Outreach Chair, HDA President-Elect



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Over the last 2 years the COVID-19 Pandemic has certainly challenged our profession and our members in their delivery of care not only in our clinics but also in our communities. As we reflect on these times I am still inspired and grateful for the resiliency of our people and their desire to continue serving others in spite of their own challenges.

In April we celebrated National Minority Health Month followed by National Dental Care Month in May. It is important for us to continue to advocate for improving health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups and report on the successful outreach efforts we, as an organization, are able to provide to our underserved communities.

I am humbled and impressed by the way our professional and student chapters have adapted to continue to provide care safely and creatively to those in most need. The members of HDA have provided care to a vast population from children in schools, immigrants at the border, and migrant farmworkers through efforts like drive-thru health clinics, virtual career days, vaccination delivery, mask distribution, and partnering with local clinics, churches, food pantries, and refugee and domestic shelters. We are paving the way for new methods to increase access and deliver care to vulnerable communities.

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The HDA Service & Outreach committee has created several resources for our members to use and support their outreach efforts. As we begin to phase out of this pandemic we look forward to seeing more outreach activities across the nation with an increased reach to our Hispanic communities.

A special thank you to our sponsors for your ongoing support and especially to Colgate, Crest, and Henry Schein for providing supplies to our chapters for distribution. All of this is only possible with your ongoing support.

I invite you to become an active member and join our committee to share your ideas and events with us so we can continue to showcase all of the wonderful things our members are doing in their communities. Follow our impact in this report and at #HDACARES.

At your service,

Dr. Christina Meiners
Service & Outreach Chair



Visit www.hdassoc.org and search the Community Outreach tab to access HDA community outreach resources. **Members Log-in for exclusive resources!**

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