



DONATION FAQs

Where can I learn more about the effect my donations have on the WDA Foundation?

If you have questions on any aspect of the WDA Foundation, you can go to wda.org/wda-foundation or contact Mark Spiegelhoff, Executive Director, at mspiegelhoff@wda.org or 414-755-4198.

Are both restricted and unrestricted donations tax-deductible?

Each donation, whether restricted or unrestricted, is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law when it is made to a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Which type of donation, restricted or unrestricted, is most important to the well-being of a nonprofit organization?

Both are vitally important to the well-being of a nonprofit. Donations that are specifically designated to a program, a scholarship or a service ensure that these important efforts are there when they are needed. Unrestricted gifts more often support operations such as administration and fundraising...functions that may not be exciting, but which are extremely important to ensure good management and future sustainability of the organization.

Which type of donation, restricted or unrestricted, is easier to obtain?

Donors are often more likely to make restricted donations because supporting a program feels more "concrete." This attitude is especially true of grant-making foundations and corporations. Unfortunately, the local charity that may be able to raise thousands of dollars to support a specific program or to purchase new office space may not be able to scrape together enough money to keep the organization running efficiently or to keep its donors informed due to a lack of general funds.

Is the WDA Foundation a tax-deductible charity?

Yes, the WDA Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is fully recognized as a nonprofit organization by the federal and state governments.

What is the foundation's tax ID number?

The WDA Foundation's tax identification number is: 39-0965289

Is my donation tax-deductible?

Yes, each donation to the WDA Foundation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

What programs are administered under the WDA Foundation?

The WDA Foundation is the umbrella charitable organization for the following programs:

- Mission of Mercy – two-day temporary dental clinic held in different locations throughout the state every other year
- Donated Dental Services – free care to low-income adults by volunteer dentists throughout the state
- Annual grant program to low-income dental clinics
- Scholarship program for 3rd year dental students at Marquette University
- Financial assistance for dentists who are experiencing mental health or other hardships
- The SMILE program that provides oral health care supplies to nonprofits that serve low-income residents

How do I make a direct donation?

There are many simple ways to make a direct donation.

If making your donation by check, please make the check payable to the Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation and mail to:

WDA Foundation
6737 W. Washington St., Suite 2360
West Allis, WI 53214

You will receive an acknowledgement letter via U.S. mail, which should be kept as a tax receipt. Acknowledgements can be sent via email upon request.

If you are making a donation by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), go online to:
<https://www.wda.org/wda-foundation> And click on the **Donate Now!** button

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted at any time of year.

Can I designate my donation to support a specific program?

Yes. If you would like your donation to be used only for a specific WDA Foundation program, please indicate that with your donation. If a program is not indicated, funds will be used where the need is the greatest.

I would like to make my donation an “Honor” or “Memorial” donation. How do I indicate that and how is the honoree or family notified?

An Honor or Memorial donation is the perfect way to recognize a friend, colleague or loved one. Donors receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes and the individual or family of the individual being recognized will receive a letter announcing that you have made a gift in that person's name. The amount donated is NOT disclosed to the honoree.

To make an Honor or Memorial donation, please include a note indicating if the donation is:

- “In Honor” or “In Memory”
- The name of the individual (or event) being recognized
- The name and address of the individual who should receive notice of the gift

How do I make a donation of stock?

If you would like to donate stock to the WDA Foundation, please contact Executive Director Mark Spiegelhoff at 414-755-4198 to indicate your intent. You will be given instructions on how to make the transfer.

Why is it important for me to make a donation to the Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation on my dues statement? Is it tax-deductible?

Each donation made on a WDA dues statement is unrestricted and allows the foundation to direct the funds toward the greatest need for oral health care in our state. The WDA Foundation is a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization and every donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

There is a suggested donation of \$100. Can I make a smaller or larger donation with my dues statement?

Absolutely. The \$100 donation is suggested donation. Most WDA members who make a donation on their dues statement give the suggested donation, because it is a simple way to show support. You can also opt to make the donation in monthly installments as you pay your dues.

What is planned giving?

Planned giving is the process of legally providing for a donation to your favorite charity that will benefit the charity at a future time.

The simplest form of planned giving is to include a provision in your will naming the charity to a share of your assets. This is known as a bequest. You also can name a charity as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, pension plan, 401(k) or IRA. A planned gift can be a set dollar amount or a percentage of your assets after your family has been provided for.

What is the Legacy Society and how do I become a member?

The WDA Foundation Legacy Society is an elite recognition of those individuals who have named the foundation in their planned giving.

You can become a member by first working with your attorney or accountant to include the WDA Foundation in your estate. When that has been completed, simply complete the [Legacy Society Letter of Intent](#) and return it to the foundation. The Letter of Intent is not a binding contract, but rather a means of informing the foundation of your actions. When a completed letter is received, you will be named as a Legacy Society member. Your name will be listed as such in future Donor Honor Rolls and you will receive a small token of appreciation that signifies your commitment to the future of dentistry.

Must I tell the WDA Foundation how much I plan to designate to the Legacy Society?

No. To be a member of the Legacy Society, the foundation must simply have a written statement of your intent to support the foundation in your planned giving.

For answers to other questions not listed above, contact WDA Foundation Executive Director Mark Spiegelhoff at 414-755-4198 or mspiegelhoff@wda.org