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US DENTAL FOUNDATION

Holocaust Survivors
Oral Health
Program



Program Guardians

The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation
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A DECADE OF GROWTH, PROGRESS & RESULTS

*Enhancing the Quality of Life
for Holocaust Survivors*

2015 - 2025

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we mark the 10th anniversary of the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program, I write with deep pride and gratitude. What began as a three-year pilot has grown into a thriving community united by one mission: ensuring Holocaust survivors in need have access to quality oral health care so they may age with dignity and respect.

In 2013, the White House issued a call to action for innovative public-private partnerships to aid the nearly one-third of Holocaust survivors living in poverty. In response, Alpha Omega International Dental Society partnered with Henry Schein, Inc. and developed the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program which was launched at a White House meeting in 2014. The meeting was filled with hope, passion, and purpose. Together, we set out to provide access to care to this underserved community and significantly enhance survivors' overall health and quality of life. Oral health is so closely tied to a person's ability to eat, speak, and connect with others. Over the past decade, that vision has grown into a sustained movement with lasting impact, one that continues to strengthen lives and preserve hope.

As of December 31, 2025, the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program has provided dental treatment to nearly 2,500 Holocaust survivors, with the value of donated care exceeding \$5,300,000. Many of these survivors receive multiple treatments to restore their oral health. The relationships formed between dentists and survivors have often grown into lasting connections, proving that healing extends far beyond the dental chair.

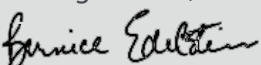
Every day we are reminded of how meaningful this work is. Survivors often call or write to express their thanks to me, to their social service case workers, and to our participating dental providers who have cared for them. Their appreciation is profound, and their stories remind us of the incredible resilience of a generation that endured the unimaginable: concentration camps, death marches, starvation, forced labor camps, and medical experiments. Their gratitude humbles us and renews our commitment to serve them with the compassion and respect they deserve.

We expanded our network, as we began treating more survivors beyond dental offices, to include dental schools and other vital partners. Today, students from six dental schools gain invaluable hands-on experience through this program so that they may provide compassionate care to an aging population, an essential skill they will carry into their professional careers. Our partnership with leading dental labs has also been instrumental in enabling the critical care given by providers that makes this life-changing program possible.

We are deeply grateful to our generous donors, whose steadfast support has sustained this work through times of great uncertainty. Even in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic and other global challenges, their commitment never wavered. Because of their compassion and belief in our mission, survivors continue to receive the care they deserve.

Reflecting on this milestone, I am deeply appreciative to everyone who has walked alongside me in this endeavor: our volunteer dentists, dental labs, university partners, corporate supporters, foundation donors, and friends of the program. While I have the privilege of serving as Executive Director, this achievement belongs to all of us. The strength of our network, the dedication of our partners, and the compassion of our community have carried the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program to its 10-year anniversary. Together, we have built something extraordinary. As we look to the future, we must continue to meet the needs of this aging population with the same empathy, commitment, and care that have guided us from the beginning. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey.

With gratitude,


Bernice Edelstein

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program is a shining example of the powerful impact of strategic collaboration across sectors.

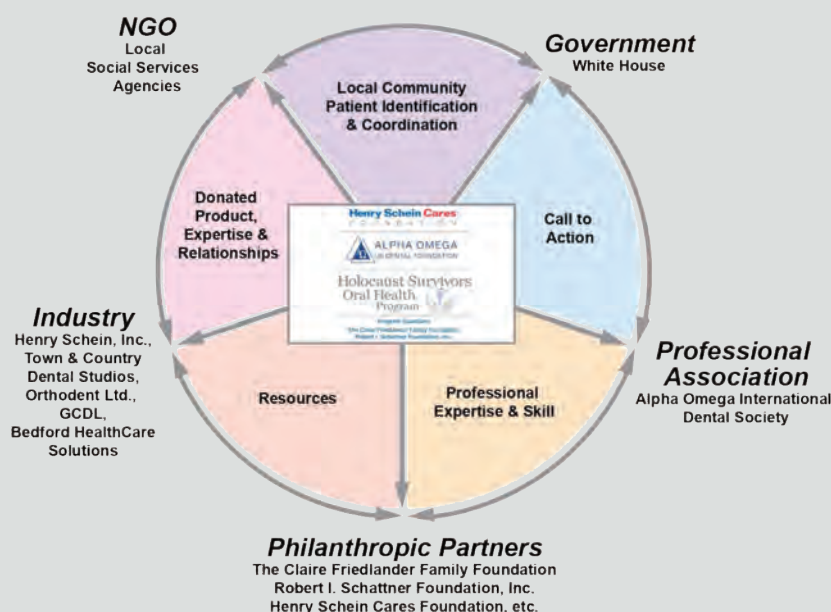
The program was created in response to then-Vice President Joe Biden's 2013 call to action inviting the private sector and non-profit organizations to launch innovative programs to help Holocaust survivors and his spearheading of the appointment of the first-ever Special Envoy for Holocaust Survivor Services, Ms. Aviva Sufian, in 2014. This public private partnership was officially launched at a meeting at the White House in December 2014.

Nearly one-third of survivors live at or below the poverty line, making dental care unaffordable and inaccessible. The program is meeting a critical need and enhancing the overall health and quality of life of this underserved population.

Individuals are referred to the program through the local partner social service organizations. Once eligible patients are identified, Alpha Omega's participating members contribute their professional expertise and skill as dentists to provide pro bono care.

The scope of treatment is wide and comprehensive, including restorative, endodontic, periodontal, oral surgery, and prosthodontic treatment delivered free of charge. The program is also helping to create a "dental home" for many of the patients served. It is patient-centered, and focused on creating a trusting patient-dental team relationship through continuous care rather than episodic based treatment.

Henry Schein provides in-kind services while Town & Country Dental Studios and GCDL, the program's laboratory partners



“Thank you to Alpha Omega, its members, and each of our industry partners for giving so generously to support this program’s success,” Mr. Bergman said. “One need only look at the smiles on the faces of the Holocaust survivors who have received treatment to understand what this program means to the patients and their families. We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary dedication of the Alpha Omega members, who contribute their time, skill, and compassion to deliver this vital care to Holocaust survivors — a population that continues to be profoundly in need of such support. We look forward to continuing to help survivors live their lives in comfort and with dignity.”

~ Stanley Bergman, Chairman Emeritus
Henry Schein, Inc.

in the United States, and Orthodont Lab Group in Canada, as well as other dental laboratories, donate or provide crowns, dentures, and other appliances at reduced rates, necessary to support proper patient care. All dental work is completed under the clinical guidance of Dr. Allen Finkelstein, CEO, Bedford HealthCare Solutions. Finally, a number of philanthropic partners generously contribute the essential financial resources needed to operate the program, managed and directed through the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation.

“Claire Friedlander was a child survivor of the Holocaust, hidden by Righteous Gentiles in Poland to flourish in life in New York City. Oral care was one of her passions – and to provide integral support to this program that serves the neediest of survivors is our privilege and responsibility.”

~ Peter J. Klein, CFA, President of The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation

FROM LAUNCH TO LASTING IMPACT

2015 – 2017

- Launched in 9 “original” North American cities
- More than doubled geographic reach in two years
- Scaled provider network from 230 to 470+ dentists
- Partnered with three dental schools to expand patient care
- Engaged two dental labs to support clinical services
- Recognized in Congressional Record

\$1.6M
donated in oral care

2018 – 2023

- Continued scaling efforts
- Launched in two additional cities
- Added third dental lab
- Engaged another two university partners
- Supported Holocaust Survivors with ongoing pro bono treatment
- Recognized by national and community organizations for dedication to serving Holocaust Survivors

\$3.2M
donated in oral care

2024 – 2025

- Canadian Government rolled out the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) - offers essential oral healthcare benefits to our survivor patients
 - Shifted to an as-needed framework
 - Fully committed to providing care on a case-by-case basis
- Incorporated a sixth university partner
- Nearly 2,500 patient encounters since program inception

\$5.3M
donated in
oral healthcare
over ten years

ROBUST NETWORK

288

dental providers

3

dental lab partners

6

participating universities

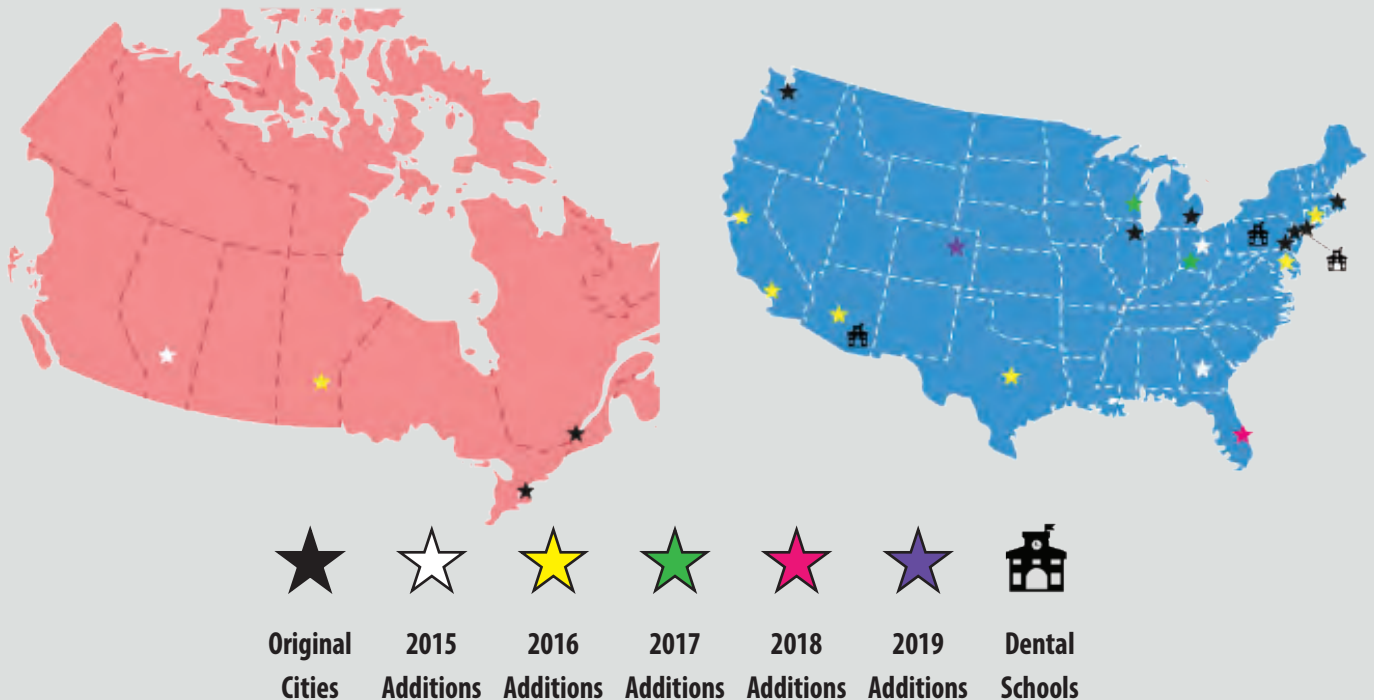
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active cities

25

social service agencies

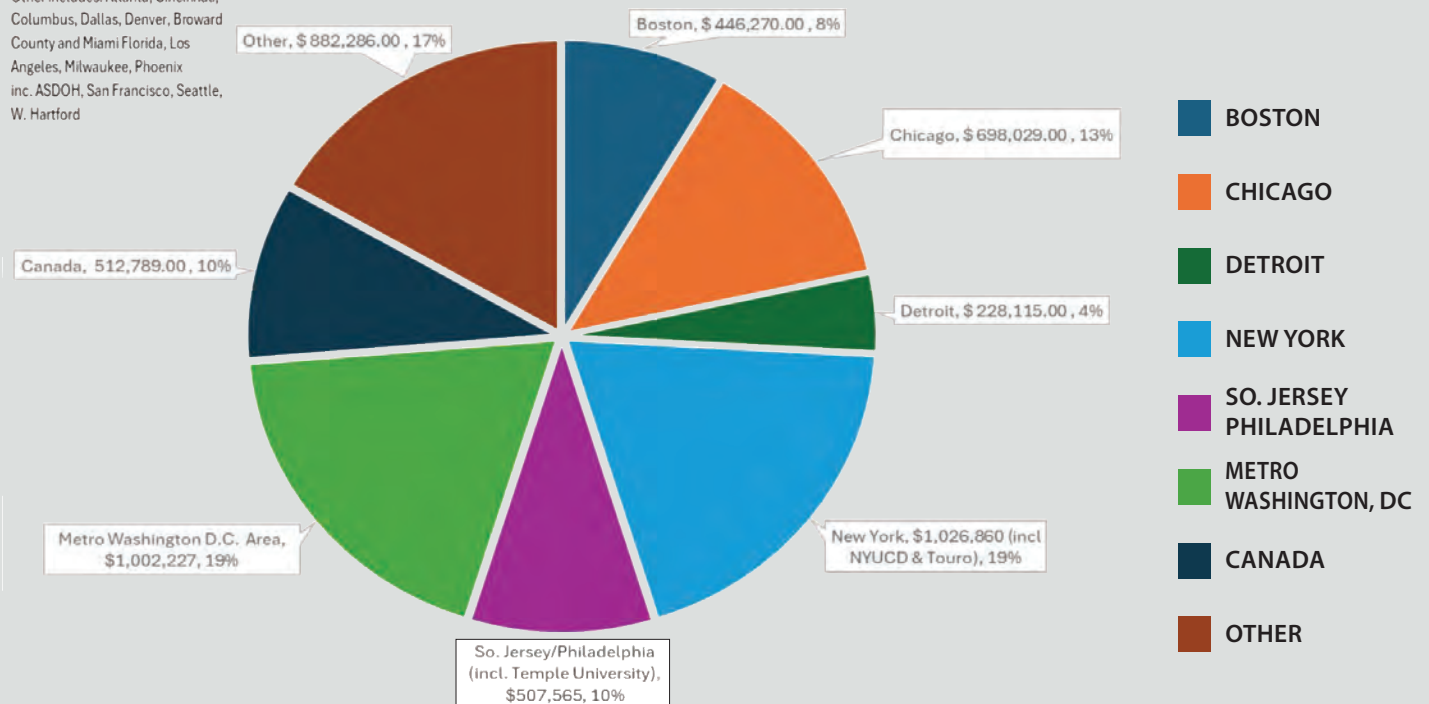
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2015-2025 DONATED ORAL CARE BY REGION

Other includes: Atlanta, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Broward County and Miami Florida, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Phoenix inc. ASDOH, San Francisco, Seattle, W. Hartford



RESTORING SMILES THROUGH ESSENTIAL TREATMENT

Restoring a smile for a Holocaust survivor improves their mental health by increasing self-confidence, easing social anxiety and alleviating depression. It eliminates the embarrassment of missing teeth, enabling better communication and nutrition.



**ORAL &
MAXILLOFACIAL
SURGERY**

**FIXED
PROSTHODONTICS**

RESTORATIVE

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**ADJUNCTIVE
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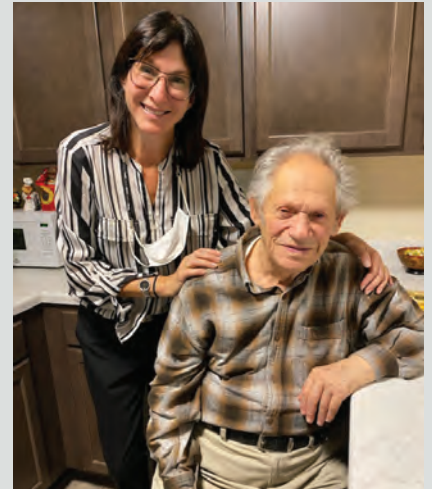
**REMOVABLE
PROSTHODONTICS**

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OUR EXTRAORDINARY DENTAL PARTNERS

**“They treated me
like a king.”**

~ 86-year-old patient
from New York



**“Dr. Richter and his helpers ...
turned me into a handsome young
man with an irresistible smile.”**

~ 87-year-old patient from New York

**“You are simply
saving me. I am simply
touched to tears.”**

~ 94-year-old patient
from Washington, DC



TESTIMONIALS

“ Talking with Holocaust survivors and caring for their oral health has been a unique and deeply moving experience. For the past 10 years, I have had the privilege of offering free dental care to Holocaust survivors who are struggling financially. Every patient carries a powerful story, and their resilience leaves a lasting impression on me.

Helping them regain comfort, confidence, and dignity through oral health care has been one of the most meaningful aspects of my career. For me, relieving pain and restoring smiles is not just dentistry—it is a personal commitment to honoring their histories and recognizing the strength and value of their experiences.

The act of giving in this way has been profoundly rewarding. It reflects what I believe to be the highest form of tzedakah—to give selflessly, with compassion and respect, restoring not only health but dignity. When patients tell me that I have helped restore their faith in humanity, it is beyond humbling. Those moments stay with me and reinforce why this work matters so deeply.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to my partners at Smile Design Dental Lab, Town & Country Dental Studios, and GCDL for their generosity and craftsmanship. Their support makes it possible to deliver high-quality care and truly transformative results for these patients.

I am grateful to my colleagues and to the community members who support this vital program, and I encourage others to take part in this meaningful endeavor.”

~ Dr. Jonathan Richter, New York

“ It’s hard to believe 10 years have gone by so fast with this program. Most of our survivors being treated are repeat patients who are so appreciative of just being able to say they now have their own dentist. So, in addition to still providing treatment for new clients as well, our local chapter still is providing follow-up care as well as routine maintenance for any who request it. Our dental volunteers continue to learn so much by providing care and getting to know these clients in a way unique to their other patients.

I think the appreciation is felt on both sides, by the dentist volunteers as well as the clients referred from Jewish Family Service of Seattle. It has been a highlight of volunteer services provided by our volunteer dentists.”

~ Dr. Kal Klass

Seattle Program Dental Ambassador

“ I belong to the surviving category of people whose early childhood was consumed by terrible conditions of the Nazi regime. Permanent hunger, fear, illness had a catastrophic impact on my health, and in particular the condition of the [sic] teeth. Now, already in my old age, I need support and help more than ever.

I was lucky... I met a wonderful person, a highly qualified specialist Dr. Jonathan Richter, who became my regular doctor. Over the past few years, Dr. Richter has performed many necessary dental procedures and surgical interventions for me. He always finds time and opportunity to provide assistance in emergency situations.

I have deep gratitude and admiration for the attention and professionalism Dr. Richter brings to his work. I have great appreciation for the qualified assistance he provides to people who have survived the huge suffering and upheavals of the Holocaust.”

~ 84-year-old patient from New York

“ It is remarkable to reflect on the 10-year anniversary of the Alpha Omega–Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program. From the outset, our goal was to create a sustainable initiative that would meaningfully improve the lives of Holocaust survivors—individuals who, through no fault of their own, faced significant unmet dental needs.

I am deeply proud of our Alpha Omega members, whose generosity and commitment made this vision a reality. In Canada alone, Alpha Omegas have provided over \$500,000 in donated oral care. I am equally grateful to Team Schein for their partnership and the organizational expertise that helped build and sustain this outstanding program, and to Bernice Edelstein for her superb administration.

My sincere thanks to Orthodont Lab Group and all the labs involved in this project for providing the necessary support that makes this program possible. The labs provide high-quality, custom-designed appliances that are essential to the success of the treatment.

On a personal note, as the child of Holocaust survivors, I have a profound appreciation for the physical and emotional challenges endured by these outstanding individuals—true heroes. I am thankful to my colleagues on the original steering committee who invited me to co-chair this initiative. Contributing to this program has given my journey as an Alpha Omegan dentist a deep sense of purpose and meaning”

~ Dr. Avi Wurman

Founding Program Co-Chair Emeritus

Program Co-Founder

2014 President, Alpha Omega International Dental Society

CONTINUING OUR MISSION

~31,000
SURVIVORS RESIDE
IN THE UNITED STATES

62%
FEMALE

38%
MALE

87
MEDIAN AGE

30%
90 OR OLDER

1%
100 OR OLDER

Source: Claimscon.org/data-2026/

- Outside Israel, the United States has the largest Holocaust Survivor population worldwide
- **~33% of Survivors in the United States live at or below the poverty line**
- Many patients carry lasting effects of war, physically or psychologically
- Demand remains high — The program has helped establish a “dental home” encouraging patients to return for routine visits where they are warmly welcomed
- **87% return rate over the past two years**

“ We are sincerely grateful to the dentists in the National Capital Region who participate in the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program. Because of this critical partnership, survivors who have no other place to turn receive quality oral healthcare, giving them the dignity and respect they truly deserve. Because of the care they receive through this program, they know they are not forgotten.”

~ Deborah Adler, Holocaust Survivor Program Manager at JSSA

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR CURRENT DONORS & PARTNERS

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*As of December 31, 2025

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- Town & Country Dental Studios - Freeport, NY
- GCDL - Prospect Heights, IL
- Orthodont Lab Group - Oshawa, Ontario

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

- AT Still University - Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
- Eastman Institute for Oral Health - Golisano Specialty Care Clinic
- New York University - College of Dentistry
- Temple University - Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry
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Ms. Bernice Edelstein

Program Executive Director

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PARTNERS

We are so thankful to all of the following participants for helping to make critical oral healthcare services available to this deserving population:

- The White House issued the call to action in 2013, leading to the program's creation
- Local partner social service agencies are identifying patients for participation in the program
- Alpha Omega's members are donating their professional expertise and skill as dentists to provide pro bono dental care to program patients
- Henry Schein catalyzed the program by providing its expertise in a range of areas, including communications, legal and program design, and the establishment of public-private partnerships
- The program's philanthropic partners, as listed above, are generously providing the much-needed financial resources that make this program possible
- Town & Country Dental Studios and GCDL, the laboratory program partners in the United States, and Orthodont Lab Group in Canada are fabricating crowns, dentures, and other appliances necessary for the proper care of patients
- Bedford HealthCare Solutions is providing the critical oversight and guidance for the clinical aspects of our program



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