

Share a Smile Q&A

What is the Share a Smile program?

Share a Smile is a program funded by the Georgia Dental Association Foundation for Oral Health. It provides access to free, comprehensive dental care for underserved and underinsured Georgians.

How is this program different from other donated care programs?

Share a Smile is a unique, dentist-driven program. Care is provided in a patient's community by the dentist who nominated them, creating a dental home and community benefit.

How it works

To be considered for the program, a community member must be nominated by a volunteer dentist who is invested in treating them.

- Volunteer dentist provides nominee with application link
- Nominee completes application
- Volunteer dentist uploads treatment plan
- Applications review takes place
- Volunteer dentist and nominee notified of application status
- Treatment begins for funded applications
- Volunteer dentist completes post-care form and submits lab expenses for reimbursement, up to \$1000

How are patients matched with volunteer dentists?

Patients are matched with the volunteer dentist who nominated them for the program.

Where does treatment take place?

Volunteer dentists treat Share a Smile patients in their own office.

What is the time commitment?

The time commitment varies depending on the treatment plan provided by the nominating dentist.

Are lab fees covered?

If a patient is selected for the program, lab fees will be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per patient.

Who can dentists nominate for the program?

The program focuses on individuals who are unable to access comprehensive and restorative dental care, such as adult Medicaid recipients, low-income adults, special needs adults with no private insurance and veterans who do not qualify for veteran benefits.

Why participate in Share a Smile?

Volunteer dentists make a difference in their community by providing help and hope to those in need, ensuring they receive the essential oral health care they deserve and empowering them with the knowledge and resources to maintain a healthy smile for life.

Questions?

Please contact <u>Carol Galbreath</u> with additional questions or for more information.