When George Eastman established the Rochester Dental Dispensary 100 years ago, he did so to improve the health of our community. Today, our pediatric dentistry program has an enormous impact on the health of children in Rochester and around the world.

Oral health care is the number one unmet health need among people with special needs. We are partnering with the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation to determine how to improve access and availability of care to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and recently received a large federal grant to train residents to treat patients with IDD. We are also designing a special mobile dental unit that will be a self-contained, motorized, wheelchair-accessible dental clinic. When it is in service in the spring of 2016, our dentists and residents will help children and adults with special needs, developmental disabilities, and other medically complex conditions.

For nearly 50 years, our pediatric dentists and residents have traveled in similar trailers—SMILEmobiles—to thousands of children around Rochester who need us to maintain their good oral health, and prevent needless pain, suffering, and health care expenses. Because of our close proximity to the University of Rochester Medical Center, we can also treat children with IDD in the operating room to avoid trauma, and help patients at Golisano Children’s Hospital who need special oral care—children who have cancer, need heart transplants or have other difficult illnesses.

We are also using technology, like teledentistry, to change the way we help children and their families across New York. An initial teledentistry consultation allows us to see what oral care may be needed, relieves the burden of family travel, and helps us better prepare for a first face-to-face appointment.

All of these experiences provide our pediatric dental residents—who come from all over the world—with the best training possible, allowing them to help children in their communities.

*With your support, we can improve the oral health of children around the world.*
Your gift will help Children Around the World

100 years ago, George Eastman recognized the vital importance of good oral health for your overall health. Today, your philanthropy can help us proudly carry on George Eastman’s legacy, continuing our significant impact around the world in research and clinical training, and by helping the underserved and people with special needs. Join us today to have an impact in Rochester, across the nation, and around the world.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS—$1,500,000 to $2,000,000

Endowed professorships are permanent funds that honor acclaimed leaders who perform groundbreaking research, mentor junior faculty, and attract and retain talented fellows, residents, and students. They are among the most coveted and defining rewards that a faculty member can receive, recognizing and fostering excellence. Professorships also serve as a powerful recruitment tool, drawing new faculty of established distinction from around the world.

ENDOWED TECHNOLOGY FUND—$500,000 to $1,000,000

The field of dentistry is constantly evolving and changing to best suit patients’ needs. Your support of an endowed technology fund will help us provide the latest technology to train our pediatric residents, and to provide comfortable care to the patients we serve.

NAMING THE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CLINIC—$500,000

Your gift to name the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic at Eastman Dental Center will allow us to renovate the clinic and provide the very best training and care environment for our residents and patients.

ENDOWED FUND FOR CRANIOFACIAL AND CLEFT CARE—$250,000 to $500,000

One in 700 babies are born with cleft lip and palate birth defects. In the beginning, cleft babies often struggle to thrive because feeding is difficult. They undergo painful surgeries as infants, children and teens, and work hard to overcome big challenges with hearing, speech and their dentition. Your support will provide funds for the latest treatments, like the Nasoalveolar molding technique (NAM), a cutting-edge, presurgical treatment for infants with cleft. Insurance does not cover the cost of the molding, yet it greatly improves outcomes for children.

RESIDENT EDUCATION FUNDS—$50,000 to $100,000

At the Eastman Institute for Oral Health, our pediatric dentistry graduates become leaders in their field, holding distinguished careers in academics and practice that encompass research, education and patient care. Our residents must have opportunities to travel in order to teach, to network among peers at professional conferences, and to present at scientific meetings; simply, to broaden one’s horizons. Finding funds to consistently support these opportunities is a challenge. Your support will allow pediatric residents to travel to educational meetings and international electives, and to support other educational initiatives for our residents that could not be funded otherwise.

GEORGE EASTMAN CIRCLE—$10,000 to $50,000

Pledges to the George Eastman Circle of $10,000 to $50,000, payable for five years, provide crucial, flexible support for Pediatric Dentistry to respond quickly to new opportunities and unexpected needs as we further our state-of-the-art resident education and care.

For more information about how your gift can make an impact, please contact Bryan Winters at: (585) 275-2767 • bryan.winters@rochester.edu