



# **BDA Benevolent Fund**

**The Charity Caring for Dentists and their Families**



## **About us**

- **Established in 1883 and run by dentists, for dentists, the BDA Benevolent Fund has been working at the heart of the profession for over 130 years.**
- **We are the only charity solely dedicated to helping dentists, dental students and their families, in times of need.**
- **We are independent from the British Dental Association (BDA).**
- **Individuals do not need to be a member of the BDA in order to receive help.**



## **About us**

- **We employ two members of staff – General Manager (f/t) and Administrator (p/t)**
- **We are governed by up to 30 Trustees who represent a different BDA branch throughout the UK.**
- **The Trustees are all from the dental profession and are all volunteers.**
- **Of the 30 Trustees, 7 are elected to be part of the Executive Committee who oversee the day-to-day operations of the charity including making decisions on requests for support.**
- **Our office is in Wimpole Street but we work across all areas of the UK – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.**





## **How we are funded**

- **We receive donations from; Local Dental Councils, BDA Branch fundraising initiatives, individuals and groups as well as legacies.**
- **Like many charities we have an endowment, managed by an investment manager providing a regular income which pays staff costs plus any marketing and administration expenses.**
- **Every £1 donated to the charity is spent directly supporting a beneficiary.**



## **How we help**

**In order to receive help:**

- **You must have little in the way of income or savings and be unable to support yourself financially due to unexpected hardship, unemployment, illness, disability or because you are over state retirement age.**
- **You must have at some time been registered with the General Dental Council, or a student at a UK dental school, or be a dependent of a dentist (i.e. a partner, spouse, widow or child).**
- **You must be living in the UK.**



## **Who seeks help**

**We regularly help dentists and their families who are dealing with:**

- **Long term health issues or short term incapacity due to illness, accident or injury.**
- **Work related problems such as redundancy, suspension, stress, anxiety and bullying**
- **Bereavement**
- **Personal insolvency or personal debt**
- **Domestic violence**
- **Family breakdown**
- **Addictions such as drugs, alcohol or gambling**





# What our help looks like

The types of financial assistance we offer include:

- Regular monthly grants towards day-to-day living costs ensuing people can pay for food, shelter and essential bills – the things in life people usually take for granted.
- Extra support for school uniforms, fuel and a ‘seasonal grant’ at Christmas.
- Back to work assistance for those returning to work including helping with retraining costs and professional fees.
- Interest free personal loans to help people manage through difficult times.



## **How we helped 2014 - 2015**

**We supported 111 dentists and their dependents**

**We gave out £324,911.00 in grants**

**We awarded loans totaling £11,751.00**

**The youngest person we helped was 24 and the oldest was 89.**

**In 2015, over 60% of our grant recipients were helped return to work or became financially independent.**

**The average (mode) age of the person we are currently supporting is 49.**





# Help that Makes a Difference

*Thank you once again for coming to the assistance of me and my children.*

**Please accept my heartfelt thanks for this emergency grant. I'm truly not sure how I would have managed otherwise.**

*Thank you for taking the time to visit me and for the continued financial support. It means a great deal to me and makes a real difference to my quality of life.*

**I treasure every action and gesture from people who have helped me and my family cope with the cruelty and hardship. Your support means a great deal to me. I will never forget it.**

*I am running out of words to express my gratitude to the Benevolent Fund. Thank you.*



# How to Help Us

## Spread the word

If you know someone who is finding it hard to cope, make sure they know about the BDA Benevolent Fund. If we can help we will.

## Donate

- Donate online via Just Giving as a one off or regular payment
- Write/ send us a cheque!
- Create your own fundraising event or give generously whilst you are at someone's else's.
- Donate via Text **DENT15** and **£5** (or your preferred amount) to **70070**

**Don't forget Gift Aid!**



# How to Help Us

## DONATE VIA TEXT

CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DENT15**

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ **£3/ £5/ £10**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ **70070**

**Don't forget to Gift Aid it!**

**We receive 100% of your donation**







# Get in touch

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