Our Mission

The Forsyth Institute is the only independent research organization in the United States dedicated to understanding the important connections between oral health and overall wellness. Forsyth combines its expertise in oral and associated systemic diseases with a relentless drive to ask — and answer — critical questions about how to best alleviate health challenges.

As a not-for-profit organization, Forsyth is equally committed to the direct care and treatment of underserved populations in local communities. The ForsythKids mobile dental care program serves the most vulnerable children in the Greater Boston area and across the Commonwealth.

ForsythKids is an extension of the Forsyth Institute, which has been a world leader in oral health research and innovative treatments for over one hundred years. An emerging theme in modern dental research is the deep and multifaceted connections between oral health and overall health — that healthy teeth promote healthy bodies, and conversely, that untreated dental decay can exert ill effects well beyond the mouth.

We have assembled a world class, multidisciplinary scientific team, which is shaping the direction of personalized medicine through pioneering biomedical research and its direct application to new diagnostics, devices and therapies.

To learn more about Forsyth, visit www.forsyth.org.
DEAR FRIENDS OF FORSYTH,

The combination of Forsyth’s mission, size and people sets the Institute apart. As an independent and uniquely positioned organization, Forsyth contributes to the advancement of the care and treatment of human disease in ways others simply cannot.

Forsyth thrives today because of a long tradition of private donations which provide tremendous public benefit, beginning with the very first gift by the Forsyth family that established the Dental Infirmary for Children more than a century ago.

Through your generosity, Forsyth raised more than $1 million over the past year, allowing us to continue our world-class biomedical research, provide life-transforming oral public health care to at-risk populations across the Commonwealth and the flexibility to advance the most impressive ideas and initiatives that arise.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of us here at Forsyth, thank you for your commitment to the future of Forsyth and for providing the support needed to strengthen our research, the ForsythKids mobile dental program, our research clinic and our Educational Outreach Program. Your gifts already make a difference at Forsyth and their impact will only continue to grow over time.

The Board is pleased to have Dr. Wenyuan Shi join us as CEO & CSO, to forge the future direction for the Institute.

We provide this brief update on the following pages to convey our appreciation to you, as you inspire our optimism about Forsyth’s future.

With gratitude,

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Chair of the Board of Directors
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THE FORSYTH FAMILY LEGACY

The Forsyth Institute was founded in 1910 through a philanthropic gift of the Forsyth family. Originally named The Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children and located in Boston's Fenway area, Forsyth focused primarily on the oral health needs of Boston's disadvantaged children and advanced clinical training for graduate dentists. Between 1914 and the mid-1950s, an estimated half-million children received their dental care at Forsyth, including the late Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, and Rodman Ride for Kids President Don Rodman.

In 1915, Forsyth embarked on its first scientific research program – discovering the connections between dental decay and fluoride, nutrition and bacteria. As a result of these landmark discoveries, the dental profession was inspired to examine the scientific basis for oral disease. A progressive and pioneering leader in oral health, Forsyth launched the School for Dental Hygienists in 1916 and offered a highly regarded training program for dental hygienists until 2002.

Today, Forsyth is an internationally recognized independent, not-for-profit research institution focusing on oral and related diseases. Forsyth has implemented prevention and education initiatives and established the statewide clinical program for children in Kuwait. Forsyth enjoys longstanding collaborative relationships with dental schools and research institutes across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil, the Middle East and other areas around the globe.

Integral to the Institute and consistent with our founding mission, our ForsythKids mobile dental program provides preventative oral health care and education to disadvantaged and underserved children across the Commonwealth.

The Forsyth Institute is located in Cambridge's Kendall Square biomedical and technology research corridor, proudly continuing a more than 100 year legacy of public health service and featuring a staff of renowned researchers, clinicians and service providers focused on advancing our understanding of human health.
2016/2017 DONOR RECOGNITION

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The Forsyth Institute is grateful to all who generously support us through contributions to our Annual Fund, our Research and our ForsythKids program.

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Did you know?

- In recent years, 60% of military recruits were not immediately deployable due to dental disease.
- There are more than 500 bugs in the aero digestive tract.
- Periodontal inflammation is linked to diabetes and cardiovascular conditions.
- Forsyth’s Educational Outreach Program has prepared more than 250 high school students for careers in the sciences over the last 25 years.
2016/2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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On June 1st, 2017, Forsyth hosted our annual spring fundraising and friendraising event, Discover Forsyth at the Fourth Annual A Taste and Toast to Good Health. This year’s event honored Dr. David Satcher, former Surgeon General of the United States, and Sharon Driscoll, former Vice President and Senior Philanthropic Manager at Bank of America/ U.S. Trust.

More than 220 guests sampled tastings prepared and served by well-known area chefs. The event began with a special lecture by Dr. Satcher who examined the question of oral health disparities and the impact of the policies he implemented to improve access to care during his tenure as Surgeon General.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was investigative journalist John Stossel. Our signature annual event continues to grow and is a popular engagement and outreach effort. This year the Institute raised more than $130,000 to support our scientific research and oral public health activities.

Look for your invitation to join us in 2018
2017 FORSYTH EVENTS

Congressman Joseph Kennedy III visited Forsyth in May, 2017. He is pictured above talking with Dr. Christopher Johnston who in October, 2017 received the NIH Director’s Transformative Research Award for a total of nearly $6 million.

More than 150 people attended our interactive lobby lab site as part of the Cambridge Science Festival, allowing children hands-on experience with the microorganisms living in their mouth and nose.

Our 2017 Educational Outreach Program (EOP) Summer Interns, pictured above, with their advisors. Forsyth’s 25 year old STEM program provides high school students the opportunity to conduct research in our laboratories under the guidance of world renowned scientists. Many alumni of our program go on to successful careers in the sciences.
With your support, we are continuing our more than 100 year old legacy of public health service and are advancing our understanding of human health.

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