



DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK ILLINOIS



Annette, age 55, lives in an apartment community for people with disabilities in Freeport. A former factory worker, she volunteers at a grade school, enjoys watching old movies and sings in the church choir. Because Annette had no upper front teeth or lower back teeth, it was impossible for her to chew her food and she sometimes choked on it. Annette's dental condition was painful and embarrassing, but on her small monthly public assistance income she could not afford treatment.

Annette's life changed completely when she was referred to Donated Dental Services (DDS). Dr. Lyle S. (Chad) Reedy, a general dentist and DDS volunteer fitted her with full upper and partial lower dentures, fabricated by K.C Erickson Dental Labs, one of 158 labs that volunteer for Illinois DDS. Dr. Reedy's staff describes Annette as the "happiest patient in the history of their office with her new smile."



Dr. Lyle S. (Chad) Reedy with Annette

I didn't have teeth for about 12 years. I don't think I'd be doing what I am now without DDS. Now, I volunteer at shelters and talk to people I was ashamed to talk to before. I just love Dr. Reedy. He changed my whole outlook on life. All I do is smile."

– Annette, DDS patient

"The experience with DDS has been great. Patients are very happy and appreciative. DDS provides worthy patients and we are able to help. Volunteering has affected my staff – they love it. To a dentist who is on the fence, I say just volunteer. It's worth it."

– Dr. Lyle S. (Chad) Reedy, DDS volunteer general dentist



PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Change a Life with Donated Dental Services (DDS)

Contact Coordinator Lisa Williamson at 309.691.5938 or williamson@DentalLifeline.org

Last year, 781 volunteer dentists and 158 volunteer labs treated 530 people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile.



Volunteer Today

Try one case:

- Review the patient profile in advance
- Choose to see or decline any patient
- Determine the treatment plan
- See patients in your office
- Never pay lab costs
- No paperwork for office staff

DDS will:

- Ensure that patients arrive on time
- Be the liaison between your staff and the patient to facilitate everything
- Arrange for assistance from specialists and laboratories

A great staff experience

“Helping DDS patients with their oral health and smiles is rewarding, not only for the patient but, for the entire dental team. We are honored to be part of it.” – Dr. Melodie Jones



**You treat the patient.
DDS does everything else.**

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ILLINOIS DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

PATIENT TREATMENT

Number of Patients Treated ¹	530
Number of Patients on Wait List	411
Number of Volunteer Dentists.....	781
Number of Volunteer Labs	158

FINANCIAL

Value of Care to Patients Treated ¹	\$1,795,849
Average Value of Treatment/Case ²	\$3,797
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$157,793

SINCE ILLINOIS PROGRAM INCEPTION (1990)

Total Patients Treated	6,059
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated ⁴	\$16,617,488

¹ *Of this amount, 120 patients received \$238,968 in ongoing care from DDS volunteer dentists who provided these patients with initial restorative treatment and have elected to continue providing routine and ongoing care.*

² *Does not include treatment for patients receiving ongoing care.*

³ *Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.*

⁴ *Due to an error, some patients treated since the program's inception were inadvertently counted more than once if their treatment spanned multiple reporting periods or if a volunteer dentist chose to treat the patient on an ongoing basis. Consequently, the number of patients treated since the program began is lower than the figure included in some previous reports. We have corrected our process to ensure patients are not double counted going forward.*

Dental School Graduates Honored

Dental Lifeline Network partners with dental schools through the Brian D. Stone Memorial Award to recognize graduating students who have committed to volunteerism or to helping people with special needs. In Illinois, three schools of dental medicine presented awards to a graduate. 2015 award recipients were Dr. Ritchie Tran, Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine; Dr. Mark Hobbie, Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, and Dr. Somayah Jahedi, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.



Dr. Ritchie Tran (left) received the 2015 Brian D. Stone Memorial Award from Dr. M.A.J. Lex MacNeil, Dean.

Illinois Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a program of Dental Lifeline Network, a national humanitarian organization providing access to comprehensive dental care for society's most vulnerable people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help. Nationally, DDS has more than 15,000 volunteer dentists and 3,700 volunteer laboratories.



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