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DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK MINNESOTA



Mary, age 79, of Rockford, has a rare nervous system disease that causes pain and numbness in her arm and neck. Prior to her retirement, she worked in the cafeteria for 3M Company. Mary and her husband raised six sons, one of whom lives with her to help at home. She was edentulous and lived without dentures for the past five years. Now widowed, she relies on very limited social security and pension fund payments and could not afford dental treatment.

Dr. Alfredo Montes, a prosthodontist who volunteers for Donated Dental Services (DDS), agreed to help Mary. He fitted her with new dentures donated by Twin Cities Laboratories, one of 117 dental laboratories that volunteer for Minnesota DDS.



Dr. Alfredo Montes and Mary

“Someone bought me a steak over Christmas and I didn’t have to cut it in tiny pieces. The confidence you get from a new smile is better for anyone’s health. The fact that people are as kind as Dr. Montes – sometimes all you need is a little hope.” – Mary, DDS patient

“Mary was struggling to pay for new dentures. She wanted to be able to eat. I could tell that dentures would make a big change in her life. I gave her the dentures just before Christmas. Mary asked if there was something she could give me and I said, ‘Your smile is enough.’ There is a lot of joy with the DDS program.”

– Dr. Alfredo Montes, a DDS volunteer



PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Change a Life with Donated Dental Services (DDS)

For more information, contact Coordinator Kathryn McGee at 651.454.6290 or kmcgee@DentalLifeline.org.



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Last year, 441 volunteer dentists and 117 volunteer labs treated 173 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.**

To ask questions or to volunteer, contact Coordinator Kathryn McGee at 651.454.6290 or kmcgee@DentalLifeline.org.

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MINNESOTA DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

PATIENT TREATMENT

Number of Patients Treated ¹	173
Number of Patients on Wait List	233
Number of Volunteer Dentists.....	441
Number of Volunteer Labs	117

FINANCIAL

Value of Care to Patients Treated ¹	\$914,274
Average Value of Treatment/Case ²	\$5,518
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$88,427

SINCE MINNESOTA PROGRAM INCEPTION (2003)

Total Patients Treated	1,680
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated	\$8,320,841

¹ *Of this amount, 14 patients received \$36,834 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.*

Dental School Graduate 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. At the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, the 2015 recipient was Grace Johnson, DDS. She was presented with the award by Stephen Litton, DDS, president of the Minnesota Dental Foundation.



Minnesota 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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