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Insider Newsletter

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From Fred Leviton, President

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DDS Volunteers Help Fight Diabetes

Dina, age 60, a nurse of 27 years with diabetes, was forced to retire due to a work-related injury, followed by a wheelchair accident. Restricted to a diet of pureed food and unable to afford dental care, Dina's remaining teeth were painful, frequently abscessed, decayed and broken. Montana DDS volunteer Dr. Andrew Ordelheide donated full upper and partial lower dentures with fabrications contributed by Lawson Dental Lab.



Diabetes is one of many life-threatening medical conditions adversely impacted by dental disease. Dental treatment can prevent further complications that Donated Dental Services (DDS) patients cannot afford medically or financially. Nearly 22 million Americans or 9.3% of the U.S. population had diabetes in 2012, the 7th leading cause of death (National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2014).

"Thank you for profoundly affecting the reversal of my diabetes Type 2. My blood sugars are all normal now, since those horrific infections are over."

– Dina, a DDS patient

DLN Program Highlights

More DDS Patients Receive Treatment

- **2013-2014** Thanks to our generous volunteers and supporters, fiscal year-end figures revealed that nearly 7,700 patients received \$24.8 million in comprehensive donated dental care - an increase of 357 patients treated over the previous year. An additional 6,145 patients are currently in treatment nationwide. (DLN's fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.)
- **Vermont.** State Dental Society assisted DLN in launching a new Vermont DDS program with funding from Northeast Delta Dental. In the start-up program's first year, seven patients received \$27,645 dollars in treatment and 97 dentists and 10 dental labs volunteered.
- **Iowa.** DDS will grow in 2014-2015 after Delta Dental of Iowa successfully lobbied the Iowa General Assembly to increase state funding by \$43,043 to \$74,640. DDS Program Coordinator hours are being expanded and additional volunteers recruited to increase the number of patients who can be served.
- **More Volunteers.** Last year, 626 dentists and nearly 400 labs joined DDS as new volunteers. Nationwide, 15,000 dentists and 4,000 labs volunteer for DDS.

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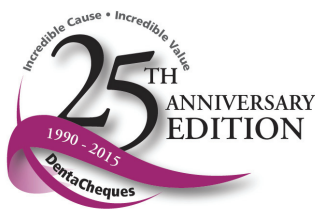
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Big Anniversary for DentaCheques!

DentaCheques celebrates 25 years in 2015! The 25th Anniversary Edition of DentaCheques contains 173 coupons including an increase of 15 offers over the 2014 edition with more exclusive offers from manufacturers than ever before. DentaCheques has helped make it possible for 128,000 patients to receive \$274,000,000 through the DDS program. For more information please contact April Zemyan at 720.287.6195 or azemyan@DentalLifeline.org

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Dental Schools Recognize Graduates Who Serve their Communities

Each year, Dental Lifeline Network partners with dental schools to recognize graduating students committed to community volunteerism or to helping people with special needs. The awards program was established by Drs. Joy and Justin Stone of New Jersey and is open to any accredited dental school.



Dr. Divesh Byrappagari, Director of Community Outreach for the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, presented 2014 graduate Dr. Jocelyn Robelli with the Brian D. Stone Memorial Award in May.

2014 Participants: University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, Indiana University School of Dentistry, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry and University of Washington School of Dentistry.

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