



### The Story

Peggy, 73, lives alone in Fairbanks. A few years ago, she suffered a traumatic brain injury and now has difficulty with her speech. She also had a mild back injury that is limiting her quality of life.

In addition, Peggy's oral health was in need of attention. She had two full dentures, however the lower denture did not fit properly and she often found it painful to eat and difficult to maintain a healthy diet.

Peggy survives on a small Social Security benefit and her expenses often exceed her limited income. Unfortunately she could not afford the dental treatment she needed. It seemed she had nowhere to turn for help.

### How DDS Helped

Fortunately, Peggy was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and she was linked with three generous volunteers.

- Dr. Heather A. Willis.
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Clay Van Leeuwen.
- Nobel BiocareLab.

“Overall, the staff are thrilled and excited every time we have a new DDS patient. We've had such a rewarding experience with the DDS patients that the staff are almost begging me to do more. We get to meet some very interesting patients who, for the most part, understand and appreciate the value of the dentistry we're providing them.”

—Dr. Heather A. Willis, DLN • AK Leadership Council Chair and DDS Volunteer



Dr. Heather A. Willis presenting Dr. Charles P. Michael with the 2018 DDS • AK Outstanding Volunteer Award

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- You review patient case and decide
- You see patient in your office
- We coordinate lab donation and specialists



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### Connect With Us



Alaska Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a program of Dental Lifeline Network, a national humanitarian organization and affiliate of the ADA, providing access to comprehensive dental care for people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help. Nationally, 15,000 dentists and 3,500 laboratories volunteer for DDS.

# Alaska Donated Dental Services (DDS)

DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Alaska  
and the Alaska Dental Society

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

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## Patient Treatment



Patients  
Served



22  
Patients  
on Wait List



97  
Volunteer  
Dentists



23  
Volunteer  
Labs

## Financial



Value of Care  
to Patients  
Treated  
**\$201,490**



Average Value  
of Treatment/  
Case  
**\$3,752<sup>1</sup>**



Value of  
Donated  
Lab Services  
**\$15,092<sup>2</sup>**

## Since Alaska Program Inception (1994)



Total  
Patients  
Treated  
**687**



Total Value  
of Care to  
Patients Treated  
**\$3,177,578**

<sup>1</sup> Average value is based on patients that have completed comprehensive treatment; does not include active patients, or patients who continue to receive ongoing care from their DDS volunteer.

<sup>2</sup> Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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