# Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota July 2015–June 2016 Annual Report



#### The Story

Erik, 61, lives in Lisbon and has worked in an auto body shop for most of his life. After being exposed to fumes at the garage for many years, he began having trouble breathing and was diagnosed with COPD. He started wearing a respirator but still could not breathe well and had to stop working. Erik also had oral health issues: missing, decayed teeth and periodontal disease caused him immense pain and discomfort. Unable to work, Erik lived off of savings and other assistance but could not afford the needed dental treatment. He needed help, but had nowhere to turn.

### **How DDS Helped**

Erik was referred to **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** and a team of volunteers agreed to help: Dr. Francis H. Zeck Jr. extracted four teeth and donated a partial lower denture and Precision Dental Laboratory fabricated the partial denture.

Everything that DDS does is very much a blessing. I'm blessed in so many ways because I can chew better and smile without a concern. I was worried about my dental needs before the DDS program and now a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Thank you Donated Dental Services.

- Erik, DDS patient



Erik with Dr. Zeck

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Erik has worked hard his whole life and now he lives with a disability and doesn't have any money or resources. We were happy to provide him with what he needed and get him on the road to recovery. It makes you feel good to help somebody and we've been blessed in so many ways that when we can give back to someone who is hurting, it is truly satisfying.

North Dakota Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a program of Dental Lifeline Network, a national humanitarian organization and charitable 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, over 15,000 dentists and 3,700 laboratories volunteer for DDS.





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- Determine the treatment plan
- See patients in your office
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Please Visit: <u>www.DentalLifeline.org/Volunteer</u> Or contact: Adam Arellano 877.449.4109 or <u>aarellano@DentalLifeline.org</u> DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota and the North Dakota Dental Association

### North Dakota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

### Patient Treatment





Patients on Wait List



Dentists

Average Value

\$4,193<sup>2</sup>

of Treatment/Case

s List Volunteer Labs

# Financial

Value of Care to Patients Treated \$276,586<sup>1</sup>





Value of Donated Lab Services \$25,492<sup>3</sup>

## Since North Dakota Program Inception (2000)





<sup>1</sup> Of this amount, 3 patients received \$4,068 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.

<sup>2</sup> Does not include treatment for patients receiving ongoing care.

<sup>3</sup> Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota Leadership Brent Holman, DDS

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