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DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK ALABAMA



Laura, age 16 and living in Alabaster, suffered from chronic pain. A screening concluded that she needed orthodontic care, but treatment was unaffordable to her family. Laura was referred to Donated Dental Services (DDS). Her case took the combined efforts of DDS volunteers Drs. Thomas (Gerry) Walker, a general dentist, and Stephanie Whitehead, an orthodontist, to end her years of pain. Severe malalignment created periodontal and occlusion complications, contributing to Laura's headaches. Dr. Walker completed four extractions to clear the way for braces on her upper and lower teeth. Two years later, Laura's braces were removed in time for her high school graduation. DDS brings together talented general dentists, specialists and volunteer dental laboratories who want to give back.



Laura (right) with Dr. Stephanie Whitehead

“I used to get a lot of headaches because of my teeth, and after treatment I felt much better with Dr. Whitehead’s help. I didn’t like to smile - DDS helped me change that. It made me a lot more confident. It was a blessing. DDS changed my life. Thank you so much.”

– Laura, a DDS patient

“Laura was originally diagnosed to be a surgery case. I didn’t think we could get the results we did, but Laura worked so hard to maintain her braces – we had a beautiful result. You could tell it meant so much to her. My staff always feels good about helping someone who really needs it. DDS patients are so appreciative. I would encourage anyone to volunteer – it’s just so worth it. It’s a great experience for the family and life-changing for the patient.”

– Dr. Stephanie Whitehead, DDS volunteer orthodontist

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Change a Life with Donated Dental Services (DDS)

To volunteer or for more information, contact
Coordinator Brenda McCoy at 334.834.1114 or
bmccoy@DentalLifeline.org.





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Last year, 257 volunteer dentists and 79 volunteer labs treated 176 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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ALABAMA DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

PATIENT TREATMENT

Number of Patients Treated ¹	176
Number of Patients on Wait List	384
Number of Volunteer Dentists.....	257
Number of Volunteer Labs	79

FINANCIAL

Value of Care to Patients Treated ¹	\$382,687
Average Value of Treatment/Case ²	\$2,405
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$43,158

SINCE ALABAMA PROGRAM INCEPTION (1998)

Total Patients Treated	1,911
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated	\$4,754,280

¹ *Of this amount, 24 patients received \$17,113 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.*

Alabama 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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