



**Dental Lifeline**  
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July 2014 – June 2015 Annual Report

## DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK MONTANA



Dennis, 55, from Billings, is a former military medic, but after complications from an auto accident and other health issues, is no longer able to work. Oral health issues and his inability to eat a nutritious diet added to Dennis' poor health. A "people person" serving as a pastor at a homeless shelter, Dennis wanted new teeth so that he could smile, talk and laugh with the people there. DDS volunteer Dr. Christopher Hirt fitted Dennis with full upper and lower dentures fabricated and donated by Valley Dental Arts. Now Dennis can smile and laugh freely with those around him.



Dennis with Dr. Christopher Hirt

**"It was so great to see Dennis smile! I absolutely love being a part of Donated Dental Services because it gives me the opportunity to help people in my community."**

**– Dr. Christopher Hirt, DDS volunteer**



### **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

**Change a Life with Donated Dental Services (DDS)**

Contact Coordinator Margaret Petrick at 406.449.9670 or [mpetrick@DentalLifeline.org](mailto:mpetrick@DentalLifeline.org), or visit [www.DentalLifeline.org/volunteer](http://www.DentalLifeline.org/volunteer)

Last year, 193 volunteer dentists and 66 volunteer labs treated 89 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  
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**DDS IS A PROGRAM OF THE MONTANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
AND DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK • MONTANA**

**MONTANA DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS)**



**Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

PATIENT TREATMENT

Number of Patients Treated <sup>1</sup> .....	89
Number of Patients on Wait List .....	142
Number of Volunteer Dentists.....	193
Number of Volunteer Labs .....	66

FINANCIAL

Value of Care to Patients Treated <sup>1</sup> .....	\$326,017
Average Value of Treatment/Case <sup>2</sup> .....	\$3,938
Value of Donated Lab Services <sup>3</sup> .....	\$32,312

SINCE MONTANA PROGRAM INCEPTION (1997)

Total Patients Treated .....	1,164
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated .....	\$3,667,902

<sup>1</sup> *Of this amount, 7 patients received \$3,135 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.*

**Montana 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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## MONTANA DDS

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#### MDA GOVERNANCE

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- Dr. Jane Gillette
- Dr. Kevin L. Rencher
- Dr. Charles L. Wilson
- Dr. Christopher A. Hirt
- Dr. Douglas S. Hadnot
- Dr. Roger K. Newman
- Dr. Joel Maes

#### SPONSORS AND FUNDERS

- Montana Dental Association
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services – Developmental Disabilities Program
- Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation

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#### With Assistance from:

- 3M ESPE
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- GC America
- Henry Schein Dental
- Ivoclar Vivadent
- Nobel Biocare

- Patterson Dental Company
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- Shatkin F.I.R.S.T., LLC
- Straumann

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  - Zest Anchors
  - Zimmer Biomet
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#### Strategic Partners:

- American Dental Association
- Academy of General Dentistry
- American Academy of Implant Dentistry
- American Academy of Periodontology
- American Association of Endodontists
- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- American Association of Orthodontists

- American Association of Women Dentists
  - American College of Dentists
  - American College of Prosthodontists
  - American Dental Assistants Association
  - Hispanic Dental Association
  - National Association of Dental Laboratories
  - National Dental Association
  - The Pankey Institute
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**Don't miss our updates on Dental Lifeline Network and its Donated Dental Services (DDS) program!**

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