



Dental Lifeline
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More than Dentistry. Life.

2014-2015 Annual Report

DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK PENNSYLVANIA



Kathleen, age 57, is a former TV producer and professional voice-over talent for the Discovery Channel. In 2007, she was involved in a tractor-trailer accident and later developed severe nerve damage, stenosis and degenerative disc disease. Unfortunately, Kathleen's strong pain medications also caused dental disease and degeneration, requiring treatment far beyond what she could afford on her social security disability payments. Three very generous volunteers in Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services (DDS) program came to Kathleen's rescue. Dr. Justin Burns, a DDS oral surgeon extracted eight teeth. Dr. Scott Pettinato, a general dentist, fitted Kathleen with an upper 9-unit bridge and a lower 10-unit bridge. Fabrications were donated by Joe Bakanawski, owner of DeLux Dental Lab, who also serves on the DLN Pennsylvania Leadership Council. DeLux Dental Lab is one of 162 labs that volunteer for Pennsylvania DDS.



Dr. Scott Pettinato with Kathleen

Kathleen is overwhelmed with excitement and gratitude for how these DDS volunteers changed her life.

"The first time I wore my pearl necklace, I noticed it matched my teeth – I was astonished. Dr. Pettinato was so calm, kind and compassionate. Dr. Burns was a doll, too. (DDS Coordinator) Tammy always checked in with me on my treatment. It was a team of people who helped me. You never forget that. You guys have saved my life." – Kathleen, DDS patient

"Kathleen is a lovely lady. DDS does a great job of selecting patients and getting labs to donate. I just love the work you do. The staff is very excited to meet DDS patients and they find it incredibly rewarding. We were thrilled to do this for Kathleen and the lab did a great job." – Dr. Scott Pettinato, DDS volunteer dentist

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Change a Life with Donated Dental Services (DDS)

In southeast Pennsylvania, contact Coordinator Marsha Thomas at 724.568.4343 or mthomas@DentalLifeline.org.

In the remainder of the state, contact Coordinator Tammy Shumaker at 717.776.3262 or tshumaker@DentalLifeline.org



Last year, 679 volunteer dentists and 162 volunteer labs treated 386 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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PENNSYLVANIA DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS)



Fiscal Year 2014-2015

PATIENT TREATMENT

Number of Patients Treated ¹	386
Number of Patients on Wait List	59
Number of Volunteer Dentists.....	679
Number of Volunteer Labs	162

FINANCIAL

Value of Care to Patients Treated ¹	\$1,204,419
Average Value of Treatment/Case ²	\$3,355
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$132,277

SINCE PENNSYLVANIA PROGRAM INCEPTION (1996)

Total Patients Treated	4,252
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated.....	\$12,808,229

¹ Of this amount, 40 patients received \$43,550 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.

Dental School Graduates Honored

Dental Lifeline Network partners with dental schools through the Brian D. Stone Memorial Award to recognize graduating students who have committed to volunteerism or to helping people with special needs. In Pennsylvania, two schools of dental medicine presented awards to a graduate. 2015 award recipients were Dr. Matthew Brezinski, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, and Dr. David Alexander Klass, Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry.



Dr. Matthew Brezinski received the 2015 Brian D. Stone Memorial Award from Dr. Lynne M. Taiclet, DMD, Assistant Professor and Director of the Center for Patients with Special Needs at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.

Pennsylvania 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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 Donated Dental Services (DDS) program!
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