Dental Lifeline Network • Alabama July 2015–June 2016 Annual Report



The Story

Ezekiel, 68, and his wife live in Mobile. Ezekiel suffers from several serious health conditions including heart disease, diabetes, and end-stage renal disease, which requires dialysis three times per week. In addition, his oral health was terrible, causing constant pain and impacting his ability to eat a healthy diet. At times he had to go to the emergency room because the pain was unbearable. In need of a kidney transplant, Ezekiel had to have his oral health addressed first, but he could not afford the necessary treatment.

How DDS Helped

The Fresenius Dialysis Clinic referred Ezekiel to **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** and a team of volunteers agreed to help: state leadership council co-chair Dr. Mike Robinson extracted 10 teeth and Dr. Earl Rogers restored two others and donated upper and lower partial dentures. Also, Oral Arts of Mobile fabricated the partial dentures at no charge.

Post Treatment

Ezekiel's quality of life has greatly improved, including his nutritional intake. He is grateful to be on the road to recovery and have clearance to await his transplant.

You only have to treat one patient and you will experience the feel-good nature of this program.
Dr. Robinson, DDS volunteer



Ezekiel with Dr. Rogers

- Some things I couldn't eat before; now I can eat just about anything. I should have had it done a long time ago, but I didn't know what to do. I thank them very much for the work they did for me.
 - Ezekiel, DDS patient

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Ezekiel is a delightful gentleman and a joy to have as a patient. My staff and I are blessed to be able to participate in DDS and in some small way help someone improve their quality of life. I believe you will appreciate the program and most of all enjoy the blessing of helping someone.
Dr. Rogers, DDS volunteer

Alabama 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, more than 15,000 dentists and 3,700 laboratories volunteer for DDS.



Volunteer

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Dental School Graduate 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 help people with special needs. At the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, the 2016 recipient was Dr. Adam Cotant, pictured with Dr. Michael Reddy.



DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Alabama and the Alabama Dental Association

Alabama Donated Dental Services (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Patient Treatment





Treated¹



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Labs

Financial

Value of Care to 123 **Patients Treated** \$367,428¹





Value of Donated Lab Services \$38,929³

Since Alabama Program Inception (1998)





Average Value

\$2,343²

of Treatment/Case

¹ Of this amount, 26 patients received \$18,361 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

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