

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

The Story

Lovenia, 74, lives alone in Broadview. She has several health issues including arthritis, an enlarged thyroid and heart, a cyst on her kidney, heart murmur, and nerve damage. In addition to her poor physical health, she was also missing many teeth and previous fillings had fallen out, causing her constant pain. A housekeeper until the age of 72, Lovenia now relies on a small Social Security benefit and pension. Her daughter was helping with her living expenses but can't afford to do so any longer. Recent home repair left Lovenia struggling to make ends meet and she could not afford the needed dental treatment.

How DDS Helped

After Lovenia was referred to **Donated Dental Services (DDS)**, a team of volunteers came to her aid: Dr. Carolyn Bronke Wind restored seven teeth and donated a crown and a lower partial denture, and Artistic Dental Studio fabricated the crown and the partial denture.



Lovenia with Dr. Bronke Wind

“ I didn't have the money for the dental care I needed and everyone was so kind to me. The office did things that no other doctor would do for me and the lab work turned out wonderful. I feel so blessed by all this help that was poured out for me. ”
– Lovenia, DDS patient

“ If all Illinois dentists saw just one or two per year of those patients in need, so much needed care could be provided. As is known, good dental health improves systemic health. It is really a win/win situation for those that participate. ”
– Dr. Bronke Wind, DDS volunteer

Illinois 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.



Volunteer

Please Visit: www.DentalLifeline.org/Volunteer

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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. The 2016 recipients are:

- Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine, Dr. Ashley M. Verbick
- University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, Dr. Mathew Anderson
- Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Bryce A. Evans, pictured with Dr. Poonam Jain.



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

Illinois Donated Dental Services (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Patient Treatment



Patients
Treated¹



Patients
on Wait List



Volunteer
Dentists



Volunteer
Labs

Financial



Value of Care to
Patients Treated
\$1,388,571¹



Average Value
of Treatment/Case
\$4,051²



Value of
Donated
Lab Services
\$120,572³

Since Illinois Program Inception (1990)



Total
Patients
Treated
6,282



Total Value
of Care to Patients
Treated
\$18,006,058

¹ Of this amount, 98 patients received \$92,172 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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