

Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island July 2015–June 2016 Annual Report



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The Story

Suzan, 65, lives alone in Westerly and has multiple sclerosis and osteoporosis. After working as a bookkeeper and secretary most of her life she went back to school to become a dental assistant, but her health problems prevented her from pursuing her career. She had a salivary gland infection that required surgery and then a stay at a rehabilitation facility, where she developed pneumonia and fell and broke her arm. Upon returning home, her oral health began to deteriorate: three teeth broke and fell out within a few months, making eating difficult and causing constant pain. She survives on a Social Security Disability benefit and the dental care she needed was out of her financial reach.

How DDS Helped

Wood River Health Services referred Suzan to **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** and a team of volunteers agreed to help: oral surgeon Dr. Dante Gulino extracted 11 teeth, general dentist and board member Dr. Jennifer Torbett restored 12 more, and Guthrie Dental Kinetics fabricated the dentures.

“Thank you very much to Donated Dental Services and Dr. T. and her staff, who were amazing. I am so grateful that there is such a program available.”
— Suzan, DDS patient



Dr. Torbett with Suzan and Christel Nigrelli

“I feel it is important for others to participate to remember how transformative we can be, how profoundly we can restore ‘life’ back to a patient. I can restore a smile, a better sense of self and confidence to a person just by restoring their teeth. It is one of the most rewarding aspects of my private practice.”
— Dr. Torbett, DDS volunteer

Rhode Island 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.



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Volunteer

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

Please Visit: www.DentalLifeline.org/Volunteer

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

Rhode Island Donated Dental Services

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Patient Treatment



Patients Treated¹



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists



Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$366,098¹



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$3,557²



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$28,935³

Since Rhode Island Program Inception (1989)



Total Patients Treated
2,843



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$5,765,218

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¹ Of this amount, 19 patients received \$17,548 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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