

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

The Story

Carolyn, 72, lives alone in Rochester and is in very poor physical health. She has diabetes, macular degeneration, rheumatoid arthritis, atrial fibrillation and is slowly losing her eyesight. All but four of her teeth were missing, which made eating painful and difficult. Her doctor was concerned that her oral health was contributing to her heart problems, which were worsening, and advised her to quickly address her dental problems. Formerly an accountant, Carolyn now relies on a small Social Security Disability benefit and struggles to make ends meet. She needed help, but had nowhere to turn.



Carolyn with Dr. Richard Dresser

How DDS Helped

The Senior LinkAge Line referred Carolyn to **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** and a team of volunteers agreed to help: oral surgeon Dr. Kevin Amundson extracted 21 teeth and smoothed her jaw bone, Dr. Richard Dresser donated full upper and lower dentures with periodic adjustments, and Premier Dental Work laboratory fabricated the dentures.

“ Dr. Dresser is very kind and takes his time to ensure that I am comfortable and wants me to be able to eat without any sore spots.
– Carolyn, DDS patient ”

“ She was so excited to receive her dentures! She is all smiles! What a wonderful lady to get to know. ”
– Dr. Richard Dresser’s office staff

Minnesota 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 helping people with special needs. At the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, the 2016 recipient was Dr. Jessica Seubert, pictured with Dr. Stephen Litton, co-chair of the DLN • MN advisory council and President of the Minnesota Dental Foundation.



DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Minnesota, the Minnesota Dental Association and the Minnesota Dental Foundation

Minnesota 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
\$1,019,288¹



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$5,136²



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$121,769³

Since Minnesota Program Inception (2003)



Total Patients Treated
1,841



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$9,340,129

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¹ Of this amount, 14 patients received \$17,745 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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