

# Dental Lifeline Network • New York

## July 2015–June 2016 Annual Report

### The Story

Bertha, 59, lives in Maspeth and experiences mental and physical health challenges. She has bipolar disorder, osteoarthritis and compromised liver function. Shock treatments from her bipolar disorder contributed to grinding her teeth and led to severe dental issues including several decayed teeth. This caused abscesses that resulted in hospitalization. Bertha's oral health posed a risk to her overall well-being and her doctor urged her to get help. Unfortunately, Bertha could not afford the needed dental treatment. A clerical employee for 35 years, she now relies on food stamps and a small Social Security Disability benefit to make ends meet, and dental treatment seemed out of her reach.

### How DDS Helped

Bertha was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and two generous volunteers came to her aid:

- Dr. Robert M. Trager extracted three teeth, restored another, and donated a full upper denture and partial lower denture.
- Magna Studio Laboratory fabricated the dentures.

“ I thought Dr. Trager was just super. He explained everything to me and wanted me to be happy with the work. I would have had no teeth otherwise—that made a difference in my life. My mouth hurts less and I can eat better now. ”  
—Bertha, DDS patient



Dr. Robert M. Trager, DLN • NY Leadership Council member, and Bertha

“ It's important because we help serve the underserved in the community and in turn they appreciate our efforts and express it in various ways. It is gratifying ethically, morally, and spiritually both to the patient and to the provider. ”  
— Dr. Robert M. Trager, DDS volunteer

*New York 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.*



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#### 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

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## New York Donated Dental Services (DDS)

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

### Patient Treatment



Patients  
Treated<sup>1</sup>



Patients  
on Wait List



Volunteer  
Dentists



Volunteer  
Labs

### Financial



Value of Care to  
Patients Treated  
\$495,806<sup>1</sup>



Average Value  
of Treatment/Case  
\$5,825<sup>2</sup>



Value of  
Donated  
Lab Services  
\$46,689<sup>3</sup>

### Since New York Program Inception (2007)



Total  
Patients  
Treated  
1,386



Total Value  
of Care to Patients  
Treated  
\$8,043,917

<sup>1</sup> Of this amount, 28 patients received \$41,472 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.

<sup>2</sup> Does not include treatment for patients receiving ongoing care.

<sup>3</sup> Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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