



## The Story

Gary, 65, of Ankeny is a widower and underwent three kidney transplants and a liver transplant in recent years. His dental health was severely compromised: all of his remaining teeth had become decayed and infected. He wore snap-on partial dentures that no longer fit, despite his attempts to attach them using glue. Gary's dental health had serious implications for his overall well-being.

Formerly the owner of a subscription agency for over 30 years, Gary fell on hard times and had to foreclose on the business. Now, he relies on a Social Security benefit and a small pension and lives in subsidized housing. He was unable to afford the dental treatment he urgently needed.

## How DDS Helped

Thankfully, the DDS program was able to help. The DDS Coordinator arranged for Gary to consult with both a medical doctor and a dentist to develop a safe treatment plan.

He developed an infection in his blood stream due to his oral health, and was hospitalized and had his remaining teeth extracted. Once healed, a generous DDS volunteer dentist, Dr. Christopher Cowherd fitted him with full upper and lower dentures and Dental Prosthetic Services fabricated the dentures. Thanks to these volunteers, Gary received the donated treatment that he needed to regain his dental health, which improved his overall health.



Gary with Dr. Christopher Cowherd

“It was a very excellent experience. They were so friendly, kind, compassionate, positive, with great personalities. [Dr. Cowherd is] an excellent doctor and I'd recommend him to anyone.”  
– Gary, DDS patient

“Everyone in my office loves him. We had so much fun working together. This is why I went into dentistry: to help people like Gary. I'll be sad when the case is over.”  
– Dr. Christopher Cowherd, DDS volunteer

## Dental School Graduate Honored

Dental Lifeline Network partners with dental schools through the Brian D. Stone Memorial Award to recognize graduating students who are committed to volunteerism or to helping people with special needs. At the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, the 2017 recipient was Dr. Walker Clark, pictured below with Dr. Jay Davidson.



Iowa 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 3,500 laboratories volunteer for DDS.

## Join Us

### Volunteer

Please Visit:  
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Or contact:  
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# Iowa Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

## Patient Treatment



276  
Patients Served



34  
Patients on Wait List



248  
Volunteer Dentists



43  
Volunteer Labs

## Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated  
**\$743,024**



Average Value of Treatment/Case  
**\$3,959<sup>1</sup>**



Value of Donated Lab Services  
**\$67,365<sup>2</sup>**

## Since Iowa Program Inception (2005)



Total Patients Treated  
**1,519**



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated  
**\$5,469,349**

<sup>1</sup> Average does not include treatment from DDS volunteer dentists who provided patients with initial restorative treatment and have elected to continue providing routine and ongoing care.

<sup>2</sup> Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

## Strategic Partners:

American Dental Association  
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American Academy of Periodontology  
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American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
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Hispanic Dental Association  
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National Dental Association  
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