

Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota Annual Report



The Story

Marcus is a 26-year-old man with multiple disabilities who lives with his mother and sister in Minot. At age seven, he fell down some steps and began having seizures and migraines. He has since been diagnosed with schizophrenia and autism. Marcus attends a vocational rehabilitation program and hopes to one day be employed. Unfortunately, his medications dry out his mouth and contribute to decay. Marcus has difficulty chewing his food due to his infected teeth.

His family helps with expenses, but they were not able to afford the dental care Marcus so desperately needed. It seemed as though they had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

Marcus receives services through North Central Human Service Center, and his case manager referred him to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program. Three generous volunteers stepped up to help:

- Dr. Bethany Jensen donated a partial denture and two fillings.
- Oral surgeon Dr. Michael McMahon extracted three wisdom teeth.
- Minot Dental Laboratory fabricated the lower partial.



Dr. Bethany Jensen and Marcus

“ He was in pain and now he’s back to being comfortable, smiling again, and he’s happy. At one point he was hardly able to eat but now he can digest his food. They really gave my child back and made him pain-free.
--Mother of Marcus, DDS patient ”

“ DDS screens patients for people in sincere need of a leg up. By working through DDS, their case worker helps to facilitate their care to allow for us to just do the dentistry. You as a dentist get to walk them step-by-step back to health.
--Dr. Bethany Jensen, DDS volunteer ”

You can change a life

- You review patient case and decide
- You see patient in your office
- We coordinate lab donation and specialists



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North Dakota 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.

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North Dakota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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and the North Dakota Dental Association

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Patient Treatment



Patients
Served



20
Patients
on Wait List



126
Volunteer
Dentists



17
Volunteer
Labs

Financial



Value of Care
to Patients
Treated
\$231,664



Average Value
of Treatment/
Case
\$3,565¹



Value of
Donated
Lab Services
\$23,019²

Since North Dakota Program Inception (2000)



Total
Patients
Treated
851



Total Value
of Care to
Patients Treated
\$3,020,406

¹ 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.

² Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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