

# Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island Annual Report



## The Story

Paula is a 56-year-old widow living alone in Cranston. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant at a local hospital until being injured in an accident that permanently damaged her wrists. Since then, Paula has developed severe intestinal disorders making it difficult for her to stand for long periods of time. Unfortunately, she was missing her posterior teeth, which made it difficult to chew and contributed to her intestinal and digestive issues. She survives on a small Social Security Disability benefit and was not able to afford the dental treatment she desperately needed. It seemed she had nowhere to turn for help.

## How DDS Helped

Paula learned of the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and after being accepted into the program, she was linked with three generous volunteers:

- Dr. John Eastman donated a full upper denture and lower partial.
- Oral surgeon Dr. Stephen N. Bakios performed extractions.
- Barrington Dental Lab fabricated the denture and partial.

“So thankful—not only did teeth improve my selection of healthier food and hearing better. I am also grateful emotionally, the teeth lifted some of the depression and self-worth. I can now go out to be social again and not be conscious of having no teeth.”  
—Paula, DDS patient



Dr. John Eastman and Paula

“It was easy to work through DLN. The folks do a great job of sending us patients who are truly in need. It’s a great way for the dental industry to give back to our community.”  
—Dr. John Eastman, DDS volunteer

# Join Us

## Volunteer

Please Visit:  
[WillYouSeeOne.org](http://WillYouSeeOne.org)

Or contact:

Matt McLaren  
401.821.8656 or  
[mmclaren@DentalLifeline.org](mailto:mmclaren@DentalLifeline.org)

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## Connect With Us



# 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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## WillYouSeeONE.org

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, more than 15,000 dentists and 3,500 laboratories volunteer for DDS.

# Rhode Island Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

## Patient Treatment



Patients Served



86 Patients on Wait List



171 Volunteer Dentists



44 Volunteer Labs

## Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated  
**\$353,583**



Average Value of Treatment/Case  
**\$3,762<sup>1</sup>**



Value of Donated Lab Services  
**\$38,773<sup>2</sup>**

## Since Rhode Island Program Inception (1989)



Total Patients Treated  
**2,914**



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated  
**\$6,126,726**

<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.

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