



The Story

Harold, 61, is an Air Force veteran living with his wife and son in Gadsden. He suffers from several health issues including heart disease and diabetes. After his military service, Harold had a 24 year career in the auto service and steel industries before his declining health left him unable to work any longer.

In addition to his health concerns, Harold hadn't been to a dentist since 2000 and his dental health had drastically deteriorated. With only six teeth remaining, eating a healthy diet with few teeth was very challenging.

Sadly, Harold was unable to afford the dental treatment he needed. The family survives on his Social Security Disability benefit and struggles to make ends meet. He was desperate for help with his teeth, but it seemed he had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

Fortunately, Harold was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and he was linked with two generous volunteers.

- Dr. Ross Isbell extracted all remaining teeth and donated full upper and lower dentures.
- Oral Arts Dental Laboratories of Huntsville fabricated the dentures at no cost.

“ It has been a pleasure getting to know Harold and his family. They are kind, wonderful people and we even had the honor of being invited to and attending his son's wedding. Our practice is so blessed to be involved with this organization. ”

—Dr. Ross Isbell, DDS Volunteer

“ It was a blessing that I found DDS. I now feel more confident speaking with people and I don't mind smiling. I can eat just about anything and I feel better all around. Thank you so much for helping me. ”

—Harold, DDS Patient



Harold with Dr. Gordon "Ross" Isbell IV (center), Dr. Gordon R. Isbell III and assistant, Jen Burk.

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 Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, the 2018 recipient was Dr. Kevin Langdon Bell pictured below with Interim Dean, Dr. Michelle Robinson.



Alabama Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a program of Dental Lifeline Network, a national humanitarian organization and 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, 15,000 dentists and 3,500 laboratories volunteer for DDS.

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Alabama Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



378
Patients on Wait List



235
Volunteer Dentists



65
Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$382,367



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$3,550¹



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$30,764²

Since Alabama Program Inception (1998)



Total Patients Treated
2,214



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$5,902,645

¹ Average value is based on patients that have completed comprehensive treatment; does not include active patients, or patients who continue to receive ongoing care from their DDS volunteer.
² Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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