



## The Story

Juanita, 55, lives in Denver and likes to relax by completing puzzles, reading and getting together with friends. She has several health issues including asthma, lupus, diabetes, fibromyalgia, and neuropathy. Due to the significant pain she endures, she finds it hard to get around and uses a walker. In addition to her medical conditions, Juanita's teeth were deteriorating and her gums would often swell and bleed, making eating very difficult.

After a long career in administration and as a concierge, Juanita's health became increasingly worse and forced her to stop working. Managing health costs had taken a toll on Juanita's finances and she could not afford the dental treatment she needed. Her broken, decaying teeth were impacting her health and quality of life and she refused to go out in public. Sadly, she didn't know where to turn for help.

## How DDS Helped

Juanita was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and she was linked with a team of generous volunteers:

- Oral Surgeon Dr. Randall Russell performed extractions.
- Dr. Ashleigh Harrison donated full upper and lower dentures.
- Denver Dental Arts fabricated the dentures at no cost.

Thanks to this team, Juanita's overall health has significantly improved and she is happily back on the job market.



Juanita with Dr. Ashleigh Harrison

“ I can't thank them enough! Before, I would not smile or talk—now I can't keep my mouth closed! Since getting my new teeth, I have lost 43 pounds, I am off at least one third of my medications. I am more active and more social. ”  
-Juanita, DDS Patient

“ Once Juanita had her teeth back, she could not only chew, but was able to start interviewing for jobs. That is what dentistry is all about—getting people out of pain, but also restoring their confidence. ”  
-Dr. Ashleigh Harrison,  
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 Colorado School of Dental Medicine, the 2017 recipient was Dr. Michael Murphy, pictured below.



Colorado 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, almost 15,000 dentists and 3,500 laboratories volunteer for DDS.

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### Volunteer

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# Colorado Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

## Patient Treatment



Patients Served



314

Patients on Wait List



739

Volunteer Dentists



206

Volunteer Labs

## Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated  
**\$1,922,260**



Average Value of Treatment/Case  
**\$4,180<sup>1</sup>**



Value of Donated Lab Services  
**\$164,437<sup>2</sup>**

## Since Colorado Program Inception (1985)



Total Patients Treated  
**12,205**



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated  
**\$30,954,253**

<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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