

Dental Lifeline Network • Minnesota Annual Report



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More than Dentistry. Life.

The Story

Gregory, 66, is a dedicated family man who lives in Saint Paul and has multiple sclerosis, osteoarthritis, and congestive heart failure. He endures periods of excruciating pain and often has difficulty getting around without the use of a cane.

Unfortunately, the many medications Gregory was prescribed to treat his medical conditions caused a significant decline in his oral health. Several of his teeth were broken and infected and he found it very hard and painful to eat. He tried to use an old set of dentures that did not fit properly but that only caused more pain. Gregory survives on a modest Social Security disability benefit and small pension and could not afford the extensive dental treatment he needed. It seemed as though he had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society referred Gregory to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and he was linked with a team of generous volunteers:

- Prosthodontist Dr. Jonathan Twomey
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Timothy Neuner
- Anderson Dental Studio
- Astra Tech
- Straumann

Thanks to these kind volunteers, Gregory received the comprehensive dental treatment that he needed and his oral health was restored.



Dr. Jonathan O. Twomey with Gregory

“Dr. Twomey is a good dentist. His staff was really nice and polite and always helped me with everything. My new teeth have made such a big difference. I'm so grateful to be able to eat again.”
-Gregory, DDS Patient

“I feel that it is important to do what you can to give back to the community and DDS gives me the ability to do that in the comfort of my own practice with my staff and my preferred labs.”
-Dr. Jonathan O. Twomey,
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 Minnesota School of Dentistry, the 2017 recipient was Dr. Diane Beckius Archbold pictured below with Dr. Steve Litton.

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Volunteer

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WillYouSeeOne.org

Or contact:

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Minnesota 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.

Minnesota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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Stephen Litton, DDS
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Patient Treatment



Patients
Served



357

Patients
on Wait List



436

Volunteer
Dentists



108

Volunteer
Labs

Financial



Value of Care
to Patients
Treated
\$1,001,708



Average Value
of Treatment/
Case
\$5,285¹



Value of
Donated
Lab Services
\$101,090²

Since Minnesota Program Inception (2003)



Total
Patients
Treated
1,983



Total Value
of Care to
Patients Treated
\$10,341,838

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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