



The Story

Jared, 37, lives with his grandmother in central Utah and is a huge Utah Jazz fan. At one time, he was also an avid basketball player but he is now suffering from a severe genetic disorder called Ankylosing Spondylitis – a type of arthritis that affects the spine. Jared has undergone several major surgeries including a 10 hour back surgery in March 2015. Over the next few years, he is scheduled to undergo another back surgery and will eventually need total hip and knee replacements. Jared tries to keep his spirits up and gets out and about as much as possible.

In addition to his medical condition, Jared's oral health was deteriorating. Many of his teeth were broken, making it difficult to chew his food and he found daily brushing very painful. Jared is unable to work because of his health and uses his Social Security Disability benefit to contribute to his grandmother's household expenses. The family has limited resources and could not afford the dental treatment that Jared needed. It seemed they had nowhere to turn for help.

How DLN Helped

Jared was referred to **Dental Lifeline Network (DLN)** and he was linked with a team of generous volunteers:

- Oral Surgeon Dr. Gary Crawford performed extractions.
- Prosthodontist Dr. Gordon J. Christensen donated and placed implant-retained upper and lower dentures.

“Today I ask you to join me in donating your time for an important cause: **Dental Lifeline Network (DLN)**, a charitable affiliate of the American Dental Association. The goal is to help the most vulnerable Utah residents get much-needed dental treatment. These are our friends and neighbors who are elderly, disabled or medically fragile, and can neither afford treatment nor obtain public aid. Will you see one?”

--Dr. Gordon Christensen, DLN Board of Directors and Volunteer



Jared with Dr. Gordon Christensen

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 Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine, the 2017 recipient was Dr. Raymond Durham pictured below with Frank W. Licari, DDS, MPH, MBA - Dean, College of Dental Medicine.



Dental Lifeline Network • Utah 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 DLN.

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Patient Treatment



Patients Served



125

Patients on Wait List



82

Volunteer Dentists



51

Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$216,342



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$4,469¹



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$26,661²

Since Utah Program Inception (2015)



Total Patients Treated
152



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$651,398

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 DLN volunteer.

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

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