The Story
Pat, 59, lives in Lafayette with his two teenage children. He grew up in Cambodia and was drafted into the army at 13 years old and served in a civil war. Pat was shot during the conflict and he lost his older brother during the war as well.

Pat moved to the US when he was 21 and got a job at a printing company in Boulder where he worked for more than 30 years. In 2007, he survived a severe stroke. After intense rehabilitation, Pat regained his ability to walk and speak clearly but still suffers from dizziness. The dizziness makes him unbalanced and he has not been able to return to work.

In addition, Pat’s oral health was in poor condition. He was missing several teeth and those that remained were loose and decayed. His gums would often bleed and he was in constant pain.

With only a small Social Security Disability benefit and rental assistance, Pat struggles to make ends meet. Unfortunately, he could not afford the dental treatment he desperately needed. It seemed he had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped
Fortunately, Pat was referred to the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program and he was linked with a team of generous volunteers:
- Dr. Dawn Wehking
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Alan Reisman
- Astra Tech
- Zest Dental Solutions
- Peebles Prosthetics, Inc.

“I feel strongly that we have a duty to help those in need, but it isn’t always easy to find those patients. DDS matched our office with someone who was in pain, needed a lot of dentistry, but had no way to afford it. My experience with DDS was very uplifting, I feel super fortunate to have had the opportunity to make a difference in Pat’s life.”

—Dr. Dawn Wehking, 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 2018 recipient was Dr. Kimberly Engols.
Colorado Donated Dental Services (DDS)
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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment

617
Patients Served

268
Patients on Wait List

774
Volunteer Dentists

188
Volunteer Labs

Financial

Value of Care to Patients Treated
$2,038,801

Average Value of Treatment/Case
$5,114\(^1\)

Value of Donated Lab Services
$155,756\(^2\)

Since Colorado Program Inception (1985)

Total Patients Treated
12,473

Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
$32,993,982

\(^1\) 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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