



The Story

Gary, 70, and Sandy, 68, of Fort Dodge have been married for 20 years. Sadly, both suffer from serious health problems. Gary has survived eight heart attacks over the past few years in addition to having diabetes and kidney failure. Sandy has undergone double bypass heart surgery and has mitral valve prolapse, peripheral vascular disease, primary biliary cirrhosis, fibromyalgia, and arthritis.

In addition, neither Gary nor Sandy had been to a dentist in many years and both had developed oral health problems that were impacting their overall health. They had missing, decayed, and broken teeth and were in constant pain.

Though they were desperate for help, the couple could not afford the dental treatment they needed. Both are retired and survive on Social Security benefits and a small pension and struggle to make ends meet. Their dental problems were impacting their health, but paying for treatment was out of reach. It seemed as if they had nowhere to turn for help.

“We are both feeling so much better. Everyone who helped was amazing, caring, and wonderful people. All of the dentists made us feel comfortable and welcomed and all the staff was amazing. We love our new smiles and can't stop smiling.”
—Sandy, DDS Patient

How DDS Helped

Fortunately, Gary and Sandy learned about the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and they were each linked with a team of generous volunteers:

Gary's team:

- Dr. Russell Heun donated a full upper denture and partial lower denture.
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Eric Pearson performed 14 extractions.
- Mid Iowa Dental Arts fabricated the dentures at no cost.

Sandy's team:

- Dr. Michael Moffitt restored 6 teeth, built up 3 teeth, donated 3 crowns and a 6-unit bridge.
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Eric Knox performed 8 extractions.
- Endodontist Dr. Lance Crawford performed 3 root canals.
- Dental Prosthetic Services, Inc fabricated the bridge at no cost.

“Every dentist should experience the joy of appreciation DDS patients express for their doctors. It is just a pleasure to help.”
—Dr. Michael Moffitt, DDS volunteer



Gary, Sandy and Dr. Michael Moffitt

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 Iowa College of Dentistry, the 2018 recipient was Dr. Jennifer Solberg pictured below with Dr. Howard Cowen.



Iowa 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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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



43

Patients on Wait List



240

Volunteer Dentists



54

Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$804,403



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$4,305¹



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$67,167²

Since Iowa Program Inception (2005)



Total Patients Treated
1,686



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$6,265,849

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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