



The Story

Theron, 72, and Janice, 66, are a married couple living in southeast Kansas. They enjoy spending time with family and attending church. Sadly, both suffer from serious health challenges. Theron, a Vietnam War veteran, has multiple medical issues directly related to his time in the military. He has stage 4 kidney disease, Parkinson's disease, type II diabetes, PTSD, rheumatoid arthritis and ischemic heart disease. Janice has type II diabetes, hypertension and mental health problems.

In addition, both Theron and Janice 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. Theron is retired and Janice has a part-time job at a local day care center with very limited income. They survive on Social Security benefits and a small pension and struggle to make ends meet. Their dental problems were impacting their health but the treatment they needed was out of reach. It seemed as if they had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

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

- Dr. Joe Wommack performed multiple extractions and donated full upper and lower partial denture with framework for Janice and donated full upper and full lower denture to Theron.
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Michael Neilson performed eight extractions for Theron.
- Root Laboratory fabricated dentures for both patients at no cost.



Janice, Theron and Dr. Joe Wommack

“My experience with Theron and Janice has been great. They both had numerous dental problems. They are very appreciative and I find satisfaction in knowing deserving patients’ needs are met.”

—Dr. Joe Wommack,
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 Missouri - Kansas City School of Dentistry, the 2018 recipient was Dr. Anna J. McKee pictured below with DLN • KS Board President Dr. Stephen Zeller.



Kansas 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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Kansas Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



242
Patients on Wait List



352
Volunteer Dentists



76
Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$891,345



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$4,062¹



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$92,047²

Since Kansas Program Inception (1996)



Total Patients Treated
3,700



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$12,250,582

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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