

Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island Annual Report



The Story

Chris, 62, lives in Providence. For much of his life, he worked as a longshoreman and was actively involved with the International Longshoreman's Association. He suffers from chronic cardiovascular disease and had to leave his job after having multiple heart attacks.

In addition, Chris' oral health was in poor condition. With no remaining upper teeth, seven unhealthy lower teeth, and abscesses throughout his mouth, his dental health posed a risk to his cardiovascular health. His physician urged him to get dental treatment immediately.

With only a small Social Security Disability benefit, Chris struggles to make ends meet and could not afford the necessary treatment. It seemed he had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

Fortunately, Chris was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and he was linked with three generous volunteers:

- Dr. Paul F. Calitri donated a set of full upper and partial lower dentures.
- Oral Surgeon Dr. David Fiaschetti removed his unhealthy teeth and performed an alveoplasty.
- Dickerman Dental Prosthetics fabricated the dentures at no cost.

“DDS has been a rewarding experience for my staff as well as myself. We've been a provider for about 15 years now and have met some wonderful people. Patients that I have seen have been extremely appreciative of the services that they have received from our office.”

—Dr. Paul F. Calitri, DLN • RI Board Member and DDS Volunteer



Dr. Paul F. Calitri with Chris

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- You review patient case and decide
- You see patient in your office
- We coordinate lab donation and specialists



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Rhode Island 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.

Rhode Island Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



128

Patients on Wait List



197

Volunteer Dentists



45

Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$374,022



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$4,665¹



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$29,016²

Since Rhode Island Program Inception (1989)



Total Patients Treated
2,976



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$6,502,309

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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