

Dental Lifeline Network • South Carolina Annual Report

The Story

Ernest, 72, is a dedicated family man and lives in Charleston with his wife. Unfortunately Ernest suffers from multiple health challenges. He developed heart disease more than 10 years ago and has a pacemaker. Four years ago, he had open heart surgery to have an artificial heart valve placed. Recently, Ernest was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is currently in remission.

In addition, Ernest's oral health was in poor condition. He had no upper teeth and only seven on the bottom. With hardly any teeth to chew, Ernest found it difficult and sometimes painful to eat.

Ernest and his wife survive on small Social Security benefits and struggle to make ends meet. They could not afford the dental treatment he needed. It seemed they had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

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

- Dr. Jeff Gardner donated a full upper denture and a lower cast metal partial denture.
- Oral Surgeon Dr. Matthew Barefoot performed an alveoplasty.
- Classic Craft Dental Laboratory fabricated both dentures at no cost.

“It's a wonderful feeling to have teeth again! I thank you for all of your help and care. Without Dr. Gardner and his staff, I don't know where I would be. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.”

—Ernest, DDS Patient

“Ernest is a great man. I enjoyed treating him and listening to the stories of when Mt. Pleasant was mostly farmland. He was very appreciative. Everyone in the office loves Ernest!”

—Dr. Jeff Gardner, DLN • SC
Leadership Council Chair and DDS
Volunteer



Dr. Jeff Gardner with Ernest

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 James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, the 2018 recipient was Dr. Sara Ann Storer, pictured below with Dr. Ted McGill.



South Carolina 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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South Carolina Donated Dental Services (DDS)

DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • South Carolina
and the South Carolina Dental Association

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment



Patients
Served



166

Patients
on Wait List



195

Volunteer
Dentists



51

Volunteer
Labs

Financial



Value of Care
to Patients
Treated
\$471,642



Average Value
of Treatment/
Case
\$4,002¹



Value of
Donated
Lab Services
\$61,145²

Since South Carolina Program Inception (2012)



Total
Patients
Treated
421



Total Value
of Care to
Patients Treated
\$1,851,038

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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