

The Story

Joan, 73, lives alone in central Kentucky. In her free time, she enjoys reading, watching movies she gets from the library and visiting with friends. Unfortunately, Joan suffers from multiple health issues including heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and osteoporosis.

In addition, Joan's oral health was in poor condition. Her dentures were over 50 years old and the top denture had been broken for over a year. She still wore it despite the discomfort and inability to chew. Her physician recommended she seek immediate dental treatment due to her medical issues.

Prior to retirement, Joan worked for years at a local print shop. She now survives on a small Social Security benefit and pension. With her limited income, she was unable to afford the recommended dental treatment. It seemed she had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped

Fortunately, Joan was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and she was linked with two generous volunteers.

- Dr. Jessica Kress donated upper and lower dentures.
- Derby Dental Lab fabricated the dentures at no cost.

“ I am very satisfied with the care I got and how attentive the whole staff was to me. It was a very nice experience. I love them to pieces. ”
—Joan, DDS Patient

“ Joan had lots of questions, but I was excited to show her how technology has improved and we were able to offer her a beautiful new smile. DDS allows me to provide care to people in the community who otherwise couldn't afford it, all within my own practice. ”
—Dr. Jessica Kress, DDS Volunteere



Dr. Jessica Kress and Joan

Dental School Graduates 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 Kentucky College of Dentistry, the 2018 recipient was Dr. Rebecca Rafla. At the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, the 2018 recipient was Dr. Giovanni Ibrahim.



Dr. Giovanni Ibrahim

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Kentucky 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.

Kentucky Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



163

Patients on Wait List



66

Volunteer Dentists



28

Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$127,929



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$5,109¹



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$15,174²

Since Kentucky Program Inception



Total Patients Treated
115



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$569,501

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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