



### The Story

Darren, 54, lives in Santa Rosa County with his sister. He was a nurse in an emergency room for many years and truly enjoyed helping people. Darren also enjoyed coaching soccer. Due to health issues, he is no longer able to work or coach and misses both. Now, he enjoys spending time with his daughter and six grandchildren when he can.

Darren had surgery on his left ankle due to an injury and now has to use a cane or walker to get around. He also has high blood pressure and other health issues. Unfortunately, Darren's dental health also needed attention. He was missing several teeth and those that remained had become infected. In addition, his flex upper partial denture was broken and didn't fit properly.

Sadly, Darren was unable to afford treatment to address his dental needs. Darren applied for Social Security Disability and is awaiting the results. With no income, the dental treatment Darren needed seemed like a luxury beyond his reach.



Dr. Andrew Taylor with his DDS patient Darren and assistant

### How DDS Helped

Thankfully, Darren was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and he was linked with three generous volunteers.

- Dr. Helen Turner preformed 11 restorations.
- Dr. Andrew Taylor preformed two restorations and donated partial dentures.
- Express Dental Lab fabricated the partial dentures at no cost.

“ My experience was really good and Dr. Taylor’s office was amazing from the moment I walked through the front door. They were so friendly and helpful. What they did was change my confidence and I can smile again. ”  
—Darren, DDS patient

“ Darren is really nice and a great patient! This is a great program and we are thankful to have the opportunity to participate. ”  
—Dr. Andrew Taylor, DDS volunteer

*Florida Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a program of Dental Lifeline Network, a national humanitarian organization and a strategic partner 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.*

### Volunteer

Please Visit: [WillYouSeeOne.org](http://WillYouSeeOne.org)

Or contact: Megan Manor, DDS Coordinator  
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### Donate

Visit: [www.DentalLifeline.org/Donate](http://www.DentalLifeline.org/Donate)

### Purchase DentaCheques

To save money and make a difference, purchase a DentaCheques package at [www.DentaCheques.org](http://www.DentaCheques.org)

### Connect with us



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and the Florida Dental Association

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### Patient Treatment (Fiscal Year 2017-2018)



Patients Served



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists



Volunteer Labs

### Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated  
\$703,994



Average Value of Treatment/Case  
\$5,354



Value of Donated Lab Services  
\$72,127

### Since Florida Program Inception (1997)



Total Patients Treated  
1,833



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated  
\$8,233,848

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