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The Story

Patrick, 38, lives in Dover and is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. Three years ago, he was hospitalized due to an infection and went into septic shock that was nearly fatal. He is currently battling kidney failure and spends six hours per day on home-dialysis and finds he has little time or energy for much else. Formerly a pharmacy technician with a degree in computer science, he really wants to get back to work and is trying to achieve all the steps necessary for a kidney transplant.

In addition, Patrick hadn't been to a dentist in more than 20 years and his dental health had deteriorated. He had some teeth that had fallen out, and others were infected. In constant pain from his decayed teeth, Patrick urgently needed help but was unable to afford the extensive dental treatment he needed.

Patrick is unable to work due to his health issues and he survives on food stamps and a small Social Security Disability benefit, most of which goes toward his remaining student loans. Struggling to make ends meet, it seemed he had nowhere to turn for help with his dental health.

How DDS Helped

Fortunately, the DDS program came to his aid and he was linked with three generous volunteers: Dr. Pamela Weitzel, Oral surgeon Dr. Christopher King and Auger Dental Laboratory. Thanks to these kind volunteers, Patrick received thousands of dollars in donated treatment that restored his dental health. Due to the dental help he received, he is now able to continue with next steps toward a kidney transplant.



DDS Volunteer Dr. Craig McBeth with another DDS patient Susan

 $\zeta\zeta$ I would not have gotten to this point without DDS. Thank you! 27—Patrick, DDS patient

New Hampshire 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.

Volunteer

Please Visit: WillYouSeeOne.org Or contact: Kathleen Donovan, DDS Coordinator

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Patient Treatment (Fiscal Year 2017-2018)







Labs

Financial



Patients

Served

Value of Care to Patients Treated \$157,036

\$4,720

Average Value of Treatment/Case



Since New Hampshire Program Inception (2002)





Total Value of Care to Patients Treated \$3,719,981

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