The Story
Susan, 57, lives alone in Bucks County. She is a devoted mother who enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren whenever she can. Unfortunately, Susan suffers from several challenging health problems, including degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis, scoliosis, joint swelling, chronic pain, and mental health issues.

In addition, her dental health had deteriorated—she had only nine remaining teeth and some were decayed. Her existing partial dentures no longer fit correctly and caused pain and sores in her mouth.

Sadly, Susan could not afford the treatment needed to address her dental problems. Formerly a certified nursing assistant and medical assistant, she can no longer work due to her health and relies on a small Social Security Disability benefit to make ends meet. It seemed she had nowhere to turn for help.

How DDS Helped
Fortunately, Susan was referred to the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program and she was linked with four generous volunteers.

• Dr. Arnold Pfannenstiel.
• Glidewell Laboratories.
• Delux Dental Lab.
• Sterngold Dental, LLC.

Volunteering as a dentist with DDS is very rewarding. Giving back to the community, helping people who otherwise would neglect their dental care—puts a smile on your face as well as the patients face! There are many patients eligible on the waiting list and not enough volunteers to serve them. Try just once—most likely you will continue year after year helping more DDS patients.

—Dr. Arnold Pfannenstiel, DLN • PA Leadership Council Member and DDS Volunteer

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.

2018 Recipients:
• Temple University-Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry: Dr. Dan Duy Hoang
• Penn Dental Medicine: Dr. Sun Ho Kim
• University of Pittsburgh-School of Dental Medicine: Dr. Geng Tian

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Pennsylvania 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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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Patient Treatment

538
Patients Served

238
Patients on Wait List

627
Volunteer Dentists

113
Volunteer Labs

Financial

Value of Care to Patients Treated $1,323,866
Average Value of Treatment/Case $3,610¹
Value of Donated Lab Services $132,195²

Since Pennsylvania Program Inception (1996)

Total Patients Treated 5,212
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated $16,759,988

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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