THE STORY

Michael, 78, lives in Providence County. He is a veteran who enjoys spending time with his son, watching TV and visiting with other veterans in his free time. He was diagnosed with heart disease and rheumatoid arthritis and has had two heart surgeries and as a result has two stents. He is also a double amputee and uses a wheelchair. Michael was homeless for several years and now lives with his son.

His dental health was also declining. Michael hasn’t seen a dentist in more than 25 years. His poor oral health was affecting his ability to eat a regular diet. Michael sought help for his dental conditions, but sadly, he was unable to afford the recommended treatment plan. He survives on a small pension and struggles to make ends meet. While he currently receives healthcare through Veterans Affairs, his dental care was not included.

HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Michael was referred to the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services and he was linked with two generous volunteers.

• Dr. Rochelle Rhodes performed an exam and x-rays.
• Dickerman Dental Prosthetics donated a partial upper denture and partial lower denture at no cost.

GET INVOLVED

Please visit: DentalLifeline.org

Or contact: Susan Ruggieri, DDS Coordinator 401.821.8656 or sruggieri@DentalLifeline.org

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**FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

### Patient Treatment

- **Patients Served:** 158
- **Patients on Wait List:** 121
- **Volunteer Dentists:** 199
- **Volunteer Labs:** 27

### Financial

- **Value of Care to Patients Treated:** $385,493
- **Average Value of Treatment/Case:** $4,009
- **Value of Donated Lab Services:** $30,202

### Since Rhode Island Program Inception (1989)

- **Total Patients Treated:** 3,048
- **Total Value of Care to Patients Treated:** $6,878,316

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