

Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island ANNUAL REPORT



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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.



Michael and Dr. Rochelle Rhodes

“Thank you so much! The office of Dr. R. was so nice throughout the whole process. I am so glad to have been part of this program.”

– MICHAEL, DDS PATIENT

“I recently became a provider for DDS. This experience has been very rewarding for me and my staff. I feel as a dentist I have been fortunate to learn a unique skill. This skill is my livelihood, but I also have a responsibility to share this with others less fortunate. I would not feel fulfilled as a dentist if I was not giving back to my community.”

– DR. ROCHELLE RHODES, DDS VOLUNTEER

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Patient Treatment



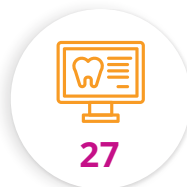
Patients Served



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists

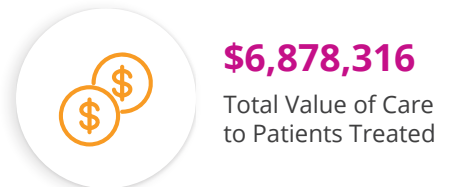
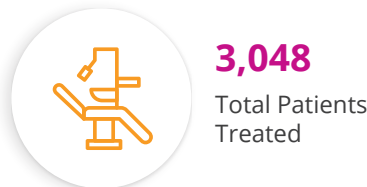


Volunteer Labs

Financial



Since Rhode Island Program Inception (1989)



¹ Average does not include treatment from DDS volunteer dentists who provided patients with initial restorative treatment and have elected to continue providing routine and ongoing care.

² Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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