

Dental Lifeline Network • Montana ANNUAL REPORT

THE STORY

Pam, 59, lives alone in Billings. She has experienced several health challenges in her life including degenerative disc disease, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic pain, osteoarthritis, lymphedema, and asthma. In addition, Pam fell and hurt her lower back, as a result she had spinal and cervical fusion. During the surgery, she contracted osteomyelitis and part of her jawbone was removed.

Complicating these medical issues, Pam's dental health needed attention. Her remaining teeth had become broken, infected and caused her pain. Although, Pam's teeth constantly hurt, she was unable to afford the dental treatment she desperately needed. Formerly a secretary, she now survives on a Social Security Disability benefit and food stamps, and struggles to make ends meet. Dental treatment seemed beyond Pam's reach.

HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Pam was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program by Alliance for the elderly and was linked with two generous volunteers.

- Dr. Christopher Hirt, who serves on the Dental Lifeline Network • Montana Board of Directors, provided an exam, X-rays, restored three teeth, extracted one tooth, placed four crowns, and donated an upper partial and lower denture.
- Valley Dental Arts fabricated an upper partial and lower denture at no cost.



Dr. Christopher Hirt and Pam

“ I love working with Dr. H. and staff. They are excellent! Thank you so much!”

- PAM, DDS PATIENT

“ Working with patients through DDS has given the gift of service. Everyone involved shares the feeling of doing something special for a member of our community. I had no idea I could so profoundly change someone's life simply by giving my time and doing the dentistry I enjoy.”

- DR. CHRISTOPHER HIRT, DDS VOLUNTEER AND DLN • MT BOARD MEMBER

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Montana Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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Patient Treatment



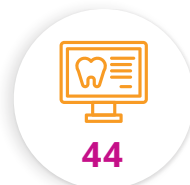
Patients Served



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists



Volunteer Labs

Financial

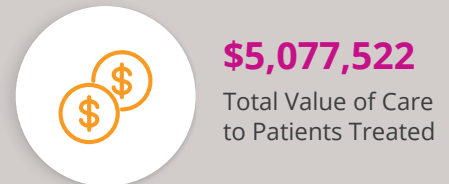
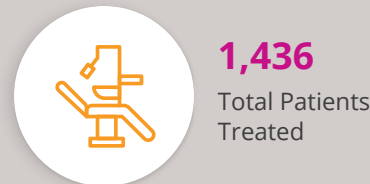


¹ Average does not include treatment from DDS volunteer dentists who provided patients with initial restorative treatment and have elected to continue providing routine and ongoing care.

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

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Through January 2020



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