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.

GET INVOLVED
Please visit: DentalLifeline.org
Or contact: Margaret Petrick, DDS Coordinator 406.449.9670 mpetrick@DentalLifeline.org

VOLUNTEER
Please visit: WillYouSeeOne.org

PURCHASE DENTACHEQUES
Buy. Help. Save. DentaCheques provides exclusive discounts on dental products to our volunteers. Save on items you already buy.

DONATE
Please visit: DentalLifeline.org/Donate

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

From clearing up painful dental infections to being able to eat again – providing comprehensive dental care will make a life-changing difference. WillYouSeeONE.org
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FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Patient Treatment

- 122 Patients Served
- 109 Patients on Wait List

Financial

- $292,126 Value of Care to Patients Treated
- $3,456\(^1\) Average Value of Treatment/Case
- $25,394\(^2\) Value of Donated Lab Services

Since Montana Program Inception (1997)

Through January 2020

- 1,436 Total Patients Treated
- $5,077,522 Total Value of Care to Patients Treated

SPONSORS AND FUNDERS:
- Montana Dental Association
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services – Developmental Disabilities Program
- The Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation
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WITH ASSISTANCE FROM:
- 3M ESPE
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