

Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota ANNUAL REPORT



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More than Dentistry. Life.

THE STORY

Joseph, 38, lives in Cass County with his wife and two teenage children whom he enjoys spending his free time with. He suffers from a rare muscular disorder, myopathy, and neuropathy. Even after undergoing surgery, he is in constant pain and is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair to get around. Several years ago Joseph underwent chemotherapy treatment to fight cancer and is now in remission. Sadly, his dental health also had some challenges. The medications he took contributed to his teeth decaying and he had several broken teeth and experienced frequent pain.

Joseph sought help for his dental condition, but was unable to afford the recommended treatment plan. Formerly a welder, he cannot work due to his health and his wife is his primary caretaker. The family survives on Joseph's Social Security Disability benefit and his wife's income as Joseph's caretaker and they struggle to make ends meet.

HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Joseph was referred to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and he was linked with two generous volunteers.

- Dr. Jonathan Bultema extracted eight teeth, restored 22 other teeth and donated upper and lower dentures.
- Glidewell Laboratories fabricated a partial upper denture and partial lower denture at no cost.



DDS Volunteer with Patient

“ Before DLN, I would shy away from talking and smiling. Now, I feel like I can be myself. My experience was a dream come true.”

- JOSEPH, DDS PATIENT

“ Joseph is a really nice patient that has been wonderful to work with and we were so happy to help him.”

- DR. JONATHAN BULTEMA,
DDS VOLUNTEER

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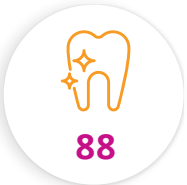
North Dakota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



Patients on Wait List

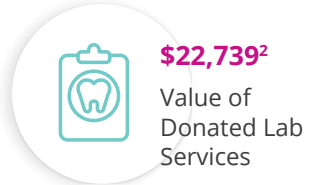


Volunteer Dentists

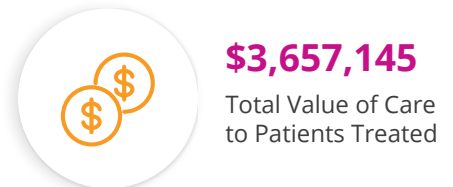


Volunteer Labs

Financial



Since North Dakota Program Inception (2000)



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. This average includes one patient who received \$75,765 in donated treatment.
² Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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