

Dental Lifeline Network • Minnesota ANNUAL REPORT

THE STORY

Patricia, 64, lives near the Mississippi River, and used to work in a sheet metal machine shop for many years. Not long ago, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Patricia underwent chemo and radiation treatments, and she had the lower left lobe of her lung removed. She is in remission but says she occasionally still has trouble breathing. Currently, Patricia also suffers from osteoarthritis as well as severe back and shoulder pain.

In addition, her dental health needed attention because her lack of dental care was interfering with her overall health. Her full upper denture no longer fit properly and only three natural lower teeth remained. Patricia survives on her Social Security Disability payments, which sadly wouldn't cover her dental needs.

HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Patricia was referred by a free clinic to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and linked with two generous volunteers.

- Dr. Jacob Peters extracted Patricia's three remaining teeth and donated full upper and lower dentures.
- Trachsel Dental Studio fabricated full upper and lower dentures at no cost.

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Dr. Jacob Peters and Patricia

“I've never worked with such kind people in all my life. You won't believe the smile I've recovered and how happy I am.”

– PATRICIA, DDS PATIENT

“It was fun to be able to volunteer in our office. The entire staff got to see how big an impact we can make in someone's life as dentists. I think it helps create a positive atmosphere when everyone sees the dentist volunteering their time during the workday.”

– DR. JACOB PETERS, DDS VOLUNTEER

DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

At the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, the 2019 Brian D. Stone award recipient was Dr. Mary Youssef, pictured below with Dr. Stephen Litton, co-chair of Dental Lifeline Network • Minnesota and the Minnesota Dental Foundation President. Dental Lifeline Network partners with dental schools through the Brian D. Stone Memorial Award to recognize graduating students who are committed to volunteerism or to helping people with special needs.



Minnesota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Minnesota and the Minnesota Dental Association and Foundation



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Patient Treatment



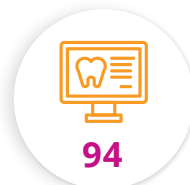
Patients Served



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists

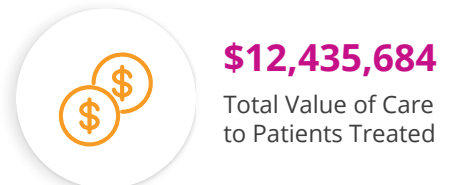
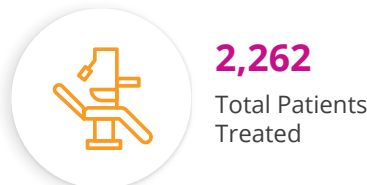


Volunteer Labs

Financial



Since Minnesota Program Inception (2003)



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.

Minnesota DDS

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