

Dental Lifeline Network • Connecticut ANNUAL REPORT

THE STORY

Robin is a 64-year-old who lives in Waterbury and loves to read, paint, and write poetry. A few years ago, she won fourth place in an esteemed poetry contest. Robin lives an active lifestyle, walking every day and going to the gym regularly. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with stage two thyroid cancer last year and also suffers from other health challenges including COPD and emphysema.

As a result of her ongoing health issues, her dental health had deteriorated. Robin only had five remaining teeth and her partial dentures no longer fit properly, causing pain and making eating difficult. Living on a small fixed income prevented her from being able to afford the dental treatment she needed. It seemed like Robin had no way to get help with her teeth.

HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Robin applied to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and was linked with a generous volunteer.

Who Helped: Dr. Joy Lunan fitted Robin for a full upper and lower denture, and donated the dentures fabricated by a lab.

Robin was extremely grateful to have her smile back and to be able to eat healthy again. She even shared some of her artwork with Dr. Lunan to show her appreciation.

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DDS patient Robin, Robin's painting and Dr. Joy Lunan

“My dentures look fabulous! I can't begin to convey how deeply appreciative I am for DLN. Painting is one of my many hobbies so I had one of my creations custom framed as a small token of thanks to Dr. Lunan and her staff.”

– ROBIN, DDS PATIENT

“Robin is a very lovely and appreciative person. At the end of treatment, Robin proudly presented us with a beautiful painting that she created along with a poem entitled “When My Soul is Housed.” What a wonderful moment.”

– DR. JOY LUNAN, DDS VOLUNTEER

DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

At the UCONN School of Dental Medicine, the 2020 Brian D. Stone award recipient was Dr. Stephanie Tsui. 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.

Connecticut Donated Dental Services (DDS)

DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Connecticut and the Connecticut State Dental Association



FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 IMPACT

Patient Treatment



Patients Served



Patients on Wait List

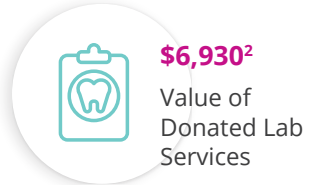


Volunteer Dentists

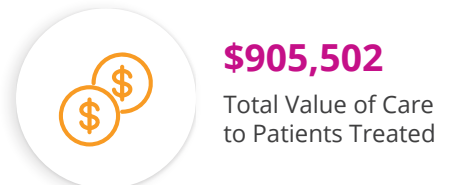


Volunteer Labs

Financial



Since Connecticut Program Inception (2017)



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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