

# ANNUAL REPORT



## THE STORY

Myra is a 52-year-old who lives in Jefferson Parish with her two daughters and her cousin. She enjoys spending time with her family and going to the park and gardens.

In the past Myra has faced many health challenges. During her last pregnancy, Myra developed severe preeclampsia that left her with nerve damage and makes it difficult for her to get around. She had a very busy career working for an airline, but was forced to leave with a permanent disability. Although she is no longer working, her days are full taking care of her children and she has had to sacrifice many things for them, including her oral health.

It had been a few years since Myra had seen a dentist and she was missing many teeth, and had an abscess. She sought help for her dental issues, but was unable to afford the treatment plan. Myra lives on a small Social Security Disability benefit and food stamps and struggles to make ends meet. It seemed she had nowhere else to turn for help.

## HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Myra applied to the **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** program and was linked to three generous volunteers.

- Dr. Frank Martello, past president of the DLN • LA Board of Directors, provided an exam and placed several crowns.
- Endodontist Dr. George Arch performed two root canals.
- Selser Dental donated partial upper and lower dentures at no cost.



DDS patient Myra with Dr. Frank Martello

“ Thank you to Dr. Martello and staff for the wonderful service I received while in their care. Dr. Martello is a compassionate, caring, and kindhearted doctor that I greatly appreciate. Thank you all that I’m finally able to smile.”

– MYRA, DDS PATIENT

“ Myra is a beautiful lady who charmed our office at every visit with her kind and gentle nature. Without hesitation, I would urge doctors to volunteer their time and talents to treat a patient from Dental Lifeline Network. I promise they will not be disappointed.”

– DR. FRANK MARTELLO, DDS VOLUNTEER

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Or contact:

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## DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

At the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, the 2020 Brian D. Stone award recipient was Dr. Jason Allen Simms. 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.

# Louisiana Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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



## FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 IMPACT

### Patient Treatment



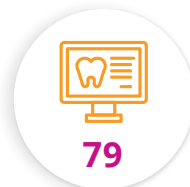
Patients Served



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists

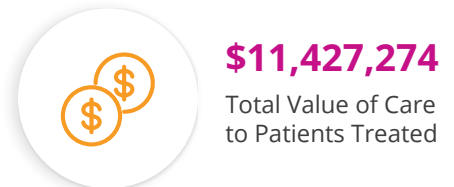
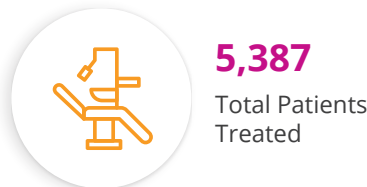


Volunteer Labs

### Financial



### Since Louisiana Program Inception (1987)



<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.

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