

# Dental Lifeline Network • Alaska

# ANNUAL REPORT



## THE STORY

"Matthew," 62, is an Air Force veteran who lives in Anchorage. He suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, arthritis and back pain. Sadly, his dental health was another challenge: he was missing several teeth and others were broken. Matthew was in severe pain and could only eat soft foods. Though he desperately needed dental treatment, he simply couldn't afford it.

Formerly a manager for a tourist train, Matthew's mental health challenges left him unable to work. Now, he survives on a Social Security Disability benefit and lives with roommates to share expenses. The extensive dental treatment Matthew needed seemed to be a luxury beyond his reach.

## HOW DDS HELPED

Thankfully, two generous Donated Dental Services (DDS) volunteer dentists, and two volunteer labs, stepped in to help. The program was able to help.

**Who Helped:** An oral surgeon extracted four teeth, and a general dentist extracted another tooth, restored three others, provided four deep cleanings and donated two crowns, a three-unit bridge and a lower partial denture. One volunteer lab fabricated the denture at no charge and a second lab donated the crowns and bridge. Thanks to this amazing team, Matthew received more than \$10,000 in donated treatment that restored his dental health.



*Dr. Heather Willis, DDS volunteer since 2011, with Michael, one of her DDS Patients.*

*"The program was very beneficial in helping me eat and relieving my dental pain. The dentists who helped me were excellent." - "Matthew", DDS Patient*

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## ALASKA VOLUNTEER DENTISTS HONORED:

Dental Lifeline Network is committed to providing life-changing dental treatment to those in need, and is grateful for the invaluable contributions of thousands of dentists and labs who donate their time and expertise in pursuit of this goal through the DDS program. This year, we recognize two dentists who have gone above and beyond in service to Alaska's DDS program and its patients:

- Dr. Richard C. Gregorin, DDS
- Dr. Matthew Monaco, DDS

# Alaska Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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



## FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IMPACT

### Patient Treatment



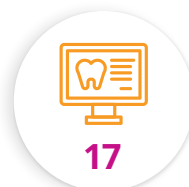
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Served



Patients on  
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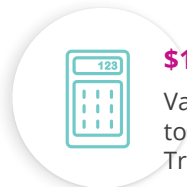


Volunteer  
Dentists



Volunteer  
Labs

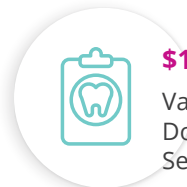
### Financial



Value of Care  
to Patients  
Treated



Average Value  
of Treatment/  
Case



Value of  
Donated Lab  
Services

### Since Alaska Program Inception (1994)



Total Patients  
Treated



Total Value of Care  
to Patients Treated

<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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