THE STORY

Robyn, 35, is a single mom who lives with her daughter in Charlotte. Alongside her sister, whom she is very close with, Robyn cares for her aging father. Caring for both her daughter and father has been a challenge for Robyn, who also struggles with several health issues of her own, including arthritis, migraines, and lupus, which requires steroids. To support her family, Robyn works part-time at a local retail store, but sometimes the pain becomes unbearable.

Sadly, her dental health presented another problem. Born with a calcium deficiency, Robyn had 19 natural teeth remaining, many of which were broken or cracked and rotten. Additionally, her steroids for lupus caused frequent dental infections. Robyn had an old upper partial, but was unable to chew solid food. Unfortunately, already supporting her family and addressing other health conditions, Robyn was unable to afford the lifechanging oral care she needed.

HOW DDS HELPED

Thankfully, a generous Donated Dental Services (DDS) volunteer dentist and lab came to Robyn's aid, restoring her oral health, and in turn protecting her overall health.

Who Helped: Dr. Michael Bellamy, a DDS volunteer dentist, extracted her remaining teeth and provided full upper and lower dentures, constructed by Choice Dental Lab, a DDS volunteer dental laboratory. This treatment enabled Robyn to continue supporting her family, while also enjoying solid foods and improved confidence.

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FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IMPACT

Patient Treatment

- 109 Patients Served
- 165 Patients on Wait List

Financial

- $525,108 Value of Care to Patients Treated
- $6,327\(^1\) Average Value of Treatment/Case
- $45,804\(^2\) Value of Donated Lab Services

Since North Carolina Program Inception (2009)

- 1,143 Total Patients Treated
- $5,865,972 Total Value of Care to Patients Treated

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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