

Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota ANNUAL REPORT

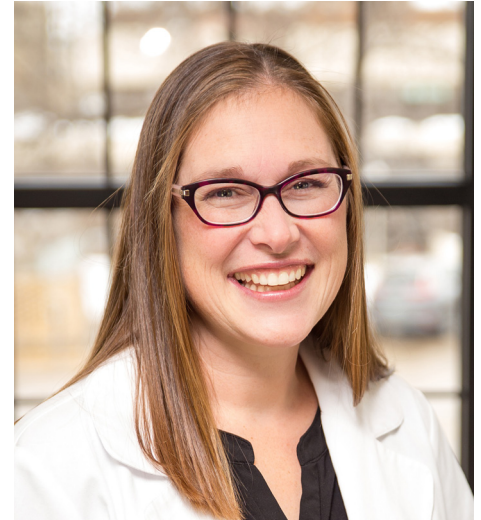
THE STORY

The North Dakota Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Jody, a 52-year-old Army veteran who lives in Dickinson. Jody, who is suffering from a long history of chronic back pain and sciatic nerve issues, is unable to work, and spends much of his time rock hunting around his community. Getting by on support from Veterans Affairs and an inherited Indian Land Trust, which provides oil and gas royalties, Jody lives very frugally, without a car or many other amenities.

In addition to his chronic back pain, Jody's dental health had been a lifelong challenge, struggling with anxiety related to dental work. Having not been to a dentist since 2002, Jody only had 12 teeth remaining, many of which were decayed. Jody was suffering from recurring infections, which he had to tend to himself. Already struggling financially, the dental treatment he needed was out of reach.

HOW DDS HELPED

This all changed when Dr. Maria "Duffy" Meyer, a DDS volunteer since 2010 and Dental Lifeline Network • North Dakota Chair came to his aid. With the help of an oral surgeon, who conducted 15 root and tooth extractions, Dr. Meyer fitted Jody with full upper and lower dentures provided by Dunn Diehl Dental Laboratory. Thanks to the compassion shown by these volunteers, Jody overcame his anxiety and received thousands of dollars-worth-of dental treatment and can now eat pain-free.



Dr. Maria "Duffy" Meyer, DLN • ND program chair and DDS volunteer since 2010, was one of several volunteers who contributed to Jody's treatment.

GET INVOLVED

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PLEASE VISIT:
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North Dakota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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



Dental Lifeline
Network • North Dakota

More than Dentistry. Life.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 IMPACT

PATIENT TREATMENT



70

Patients
Served



60

Patients
on Waitlist



104

Volunteer
Dentists



9

Volunteer
Labs

FINANCIAL



\$293,558

Value of Care to
Patients Treated



\$7,150¹

Average Value of
Treatment/Case



\$19,472²

Value of Donated
Lab Services

SINCE NORTH DSK PROGRAM INCEPTION (2000)



1,050

Total Patients Treated



\$4,377,562

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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