

Dental Lifeline Network • Iowa ANNUAL REPORT

THE STORY

Art, 66, lives in West Des Moines. He was a general manager for Burger King for 25 years until he retired because of his health. This past year his health has been especially challenging. Art was hospitalized with cellulitis, sepsis, anemia and back problems. He was also diagnosed with giant cell arteritis and the medication to treat it caused additional problems that resulted in him being placed in a rehabilitation facility where he developed pneumonia. Art's dental health presented another challenge: he was missing several teeth and some of his remaining teeth were broken to the gum line. Surviving on Social Security and a small retirement benefit, Art struggles to make ends meet. Art desperately wanted to address his dental health before it impacted his existing health conditions, but he could not afford the treatment.

HOW DDS HELPED

Thankfully, three generous **Donated Dental Services (DDS)** volunteers came to Art's aid.

Who Helped: An oral surgeon extracted six teeth, and Dr. Leslie Ehlen, a general dentist, removed a root tip, and with the help of a volunteer lab, donated a crown, a full upper denture, and partial lower denture. Thanks to these caring volunteers, Art received more than \$6,100 in donated treatment that restored his dental health and gave him a new reason to smile.



Dr. Leslie Ehlen, a DDS volunteer since 2016, with Art, one of her DDS patients.

"I just couldn't be happier with the work from Dr. E." "I ate a steak for the first time in forever and really enjoyed it and look forward to eating more things that have been off my diet for so long. I am just so grateful and humble for the help and how greatly everyone treated me."

- Art, DDS Patient

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DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

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.

2020 Iowa Recipient:

Dr. Kayla Erps, University of Iowa College of Dentistry

Iowa Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IMPACT

Patient Treatment



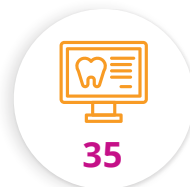
Patients
Served



Patients on
Wait List



Volunteer
Dentists

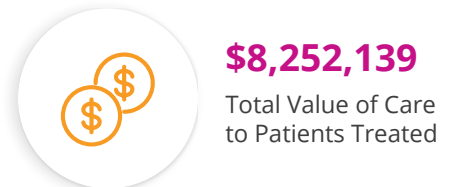


Volunteer
Labs

Financial



Since Iowa Program Inception (2005)



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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