THE STORY

Peter, a 76-year-old Army veteran, lives with his wife in Cook County. He worked for a company that financed farm equipment for many years until his retirement. Peter was drafted during the Vietnam War and served 2.5 years overseas. During his service he was exposed to Agent Orange, a chemical herbicide used during the Vietnam War, which left Peter and many other veterans with disabilities. He also suffers from heart disease and type II diabetes.

In addition to these health concerns, Peter's dental health was also deteriorating. During his service, he sustained an injury to his face and lost his front teeth. More recently, he had several broken and missing teeth and was not able to afford the dental treatment he needed.

HOW DDS HELPED

Fortunately, Peter applied to the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program and was linked with generous volunteers who restored his health.

Who Helped: Dr. David Haugen, a military veteran himself, who enjoys helping fellow veterans in need, and Dr. Duncan Puffer, an oral surgeon, extracted nine teeth and alveoplasty. Udell Dental Lab generously donated full upper and lower dentures at no cost.

I am very pleased with Dr. Haugen, his assistant Stephanie, and Piedmont Dental. They are most professional, kind, and engaging. Over 50 years of missing teeth has resulted in me learning how to chew properly again. I really, really appreciate it.”

– PETER, DDS PATIENT

Mr. Mueller was wonderful to work with, as are many of the other veterans fortunate enough to get accepted into the program. Donated Dental Services has been great to work with, and the program truly screens those who are in need. I want to thank the labs who donate their services also.”

– DR. DAVID HAUGEN, DDS VOLUNTEER

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Or contact: Kathryn McGee, DDS Coordinator 651.454.6290 or kmcgee@DentalLifeline.org

DONATE
Please visit: DentalLifeline.org/Donate

VOLUNTEER
Please visit: WillYouSeeOne.org

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 Recipient: Dr. Treyce Sanderson, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
Minnesota Donated Dental Services (DDS)

**Patient Treatment**
- Patients Served: 197
- Patients on Wait List: 299
- Volunteer Dentists: 419
- Volunteer Labs: 88

**Financial**
- Value of Care to Patients Treated: $896,656
- Average Value of Treatment/Case: $6,882
- Value of Donated Lab Services: $78,853

**Since Minnesota Program Inception (2003)**
- Total Patients Treated: 2,468
- Total Value of Care to Patients Treated: $14,298,688

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