# Dental Lifeline Network **Utah**



Lois, 65, lives in Salt Lake City. While she lives alone, she has five grandchildren whom she loves to spend time with. She also volunteers at a senior center thrift store, and has managed to keep herself in relatively good health through exercising and participating in other classes at the senior center. She does, however, suffer from arthritis. Her dental health had deteriorated as well: she was missing many teeth and several that remained were decayed. Her upper partial denture no longer fit correctly and caused her pain. Eating was difficult and her diet was limited to soft foods.

Unfortunately, Lois was unable to afford the dental treatment she needed. Formerly a substitute teacher and office worker, she now relies on Social Security and food stamps and lives in subsidized housing. Lois struggles to make ends meet and dental treatment she needed seemed far beyond her reach.

#### **HOW DDS HELPED**

Thankfully, two volunteers agreed to help. Dr. Kenneth Dibble, a general dentist extracted Lois's remaining teeth, and with the help of a volunteer laboratory, donated full upper and lower dentures. Thanks to these caring volunteers, Lois received thousands of dollars worth of donated treatment that relieved her pain, restored her ability to chew, and gave her a reason to smile. Lois commented that her experience was great and the volunteers were very kind and understanding.



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*Dr. Kenneth Dibble (Sandy), volunteer since 2014, with Lois, one of his DLN patients.* 

I really feel that this total process for Lois has and will continue to be life changing for her. That is a great thing to be a part of."

DR. KENNETH DIBBLE, DLN VOLUNTEER SINCE 2014

#### **GET INVOLVED**

PLEASE VISIT: DentalLifeline.org

OR CONTACT: Brandon Leviton DLN Coordinator 801.499.6504 or bleviton@DentalLifeline.org

#### DONATE

PLEASE VISIT: DentalLifeline.org/Donate

#### VOLUNTEER

PLEASE VISIT: WillYouSeeOne.org



#### DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

At the **Roseman University** of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine, the 2022 recipient of the Brian D. Stone Award was **Dr. Jennifer Oh.** 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.

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#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 IMPACT

#### **PATIENT TREATMENT**

**FINANCIAL** 

\$337.514 Value of Care to Patients Treated



Average Value of Treatment/Case



Value of Donated Lab Services



Patients

Served

Volunteer Dentists

Patients

on Waitlist

Volunteer Labs







<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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Utah Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a program of Dental Lifeline Network, a national humanitarian organization and a strategic partner of the ADA, providing access to comprehensive dental care for people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help. Nationally, over 15,000 dentists and 3,400 laboratories volunteer for DDS.