# Dental Lifeline Network • Vermont ANNUAL REPORT

## **THE STORY**

The Vermont Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Randall, 61, who lives alone in Washington County. Randall struggles with several health challenges, including coronary artery disease and digestive issues. These issues were compounded by a history of poor dental health, most recently when Randall's remaining teeth were all removed. Struggling to eat, Randall was restricted to only eat what could be made in a food processer, which led to bloating and indigestion.

A veteran, Randall is very proud of his service, but was left with nowhere to turn for help. Living on a meager Social Security Disability benefit, Randall struggled to make ends meet, and the life-changing dental treatment he needed seemed out of reach.

# **HOW DDS HELPED**

This all changed when Dr. Kasia Dionne, a DDS volunteer since 2018, came to Randall's aid. With the generous contributions of a volunteer laboratory, he was provided with full upper and lower dentures. Dr. Dionne also determined that Randall would need a tongue biopsy to address a concerning growth, which was determined to be non-cancerous. This procedure was provided by a volunteer oral surgeon, who has also volunteered to remove it. Through these volunteers, Randall received nearly \$4,500 in donated treatment, restoring the veteran's dental health, enabling him to maintain a healthy diet and smile with confidence.

## **GET INVOLVED**

## PLEASE VISIT: DentalLifeline.org

#### **OR CONTACT:**

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# DONATE

PLEASE VISIT: DentalLifeline.org/Donate



*Dr. Kasia Dionne,* a DDS volunteer since 2018, with Randall, one of her DDS patients.

I have always hoped that I could once again have a smile that I didn't have to hide. Your program is doing just that. I applaud your program, your volunteers and all veterans!" **RANDALL, DDS PATIENT** 

# VOLUNTEER

PLEASE VISIT: WillYouSeeOne.org



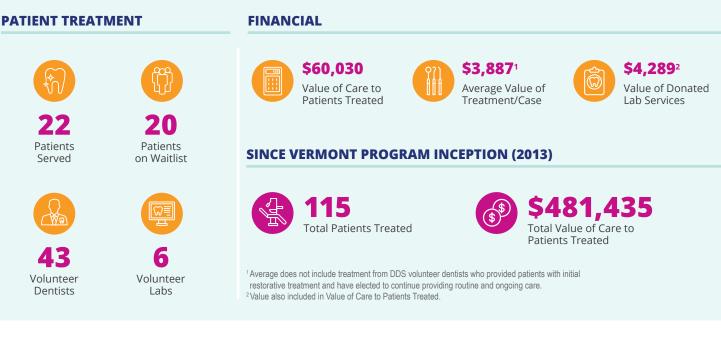


# **Vermont Donated Dental Services (DDS)**

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