THE STORY

The Missouri Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Stephen, a 61-year-old Marine Corps veteran who lives by himself in Independence. Stephen was honorably discharged after suffering an injury, which has continued to present challenges throughout his life. Stephen now suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, and requires a cane to get around. While his 30-year-old daughter helps him, he also suffers from a renal stent and high blood pressure, both of which his physician attributes to his dental health. Experiencing severe pain caused by broken and decaying teeth, Stephen saw a dentist in 2021, but was unable to afford the treatment he needed. Getting by on only a small Social Security Disability benefit, Stephen struggles to make ends meet. With only 18 natural teeth remaining, the care he needed seemed out of reach.

This all changed when Dr. David Suchman, a DLN • MO board member and DDS volunteer since 2006, stepped in. With the help of a team of volunteer dental laboratories, Dr. Suchman installed one crown and conducted four restorations, along with several other procedures, providing Stephen with thousands of dollars-worth of donated treatment. Thanks to this caring team, Stephen was able to improve his oral health, and with that his overall wellbeing. With restored confidence and improved health, this Marine Corps veteran has a new reason to smile.

GET INVOLVED

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DONATE

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VOLUNTEER

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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. At A.T. Still University - Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health, the 2022 recipient was Dr. Noah H. Barnes. At University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Dentistry, the 2022 recipient was Dr. Kelli Dummerth, pictured here with Dr. Becky Smith, one of her professors.
### FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 IMPACT

#### PATIENT TREATMENT

| 148 | Patients Served |
| 188 | Patients on Waitlist |

| 352 | Volunteer Dentists |
| 94  | Volunteer Labs |

#### FINANCIAL

| $533,001 | Value of Care to Patients Treated |
| $5,661 | Average Value of Treatment/Case |
| $43,274 | Value of Donated Lab Services |

#### SINCE MISSOURI PROGRAM INCEPTION (1999)

| 2,345 | Total Patients Treated |
| $11,251,757 | 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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Missouri 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 13,000 dentists and 3,300 laboratories volunteer for DDS.

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