

Dental Lifeline Network • Missouri ANNUAL REPORT



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More than Dentistry. Life.

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.



Dr. David Suchman
(Independence), DLN • MO DDS volunteer since 2006, with staff member Natalia, and Stephen, one of his DDS patients. Dr. Suchman and his staff, alongside several volunteer labs, provided Stephen with thousands of dollars-worth of life-changing dental care.

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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.

Missouri Donated Dental Services (DDS)

DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Missouri and the Missouri Dental Association

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



\$5,661¹

Average Value of Treatment/Case



\$43,274²

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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