

# Dental Lifeline Network • Florida ANNUAL REPORT



Dental Lifeline  
Network • Florida

More than Dentistry. Life.

## THE STORY

The Dental Lifeline Network • Florida program helps patients like Wilton, 74, who lives with his wife, daughter, and grandson in Marion County. A veteran, Wilton served in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard for 36 years before retiring. During his military career, Wilton was deployed to Afghanistan, and now suffers from PTSD related to his deployment. Additionally, he struggles with health challenges including coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, and a spinal fusion in his neck. He also had pre-cancerous lesions that had to be removed from his mouth.

In connection to these lesions, Wilton had to have his teeth and part of his jaw bone removed on both arches, making eating difficult. Unfortunately, Wilton could not afford the dental treatment needed to restore his oral health after undergoing these operations. Getting by on a Social Security benefit and military pension, he struggles to make ends meet, and the treatment he needed seemed out of reach.

## HOW DDS HELPED

This all changed when a team of DDS volunteers stepped in to help. Among these volunteers was Dr. Wayne Harper, a DDS volunteer since 2019. With the help of a volunteer lab, Dr. Harper provided Wilton with full upper and lower dentures. Through the generous volunteers, Wilton received thousands of dollars' worth of donated dental care, restoring his health, his ability to eat, and his smile.



**Dr. Wayne Harper (Ocala), DDS volunteer since 2019, with Wilton, his DDS patient.**



*"He is enjoying so many of his favorite foods! Five plus years without anything but soup and liquids! Our appreciation cannot really be expressed in words - thank you, you are a blessing."*

**- Wilton's Wife, Andrea, commenting on his experience with the DDS program.**

## GET INVOLVED

**PLEASE VISIT:**

[DentalLifeline.org](https://DentalLifeline.org)

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## DONATE

**PLEASE VISIT:**

[DentalLifeline.org/Donate](https://DentalLifeline.org/Donate)

## VOLUNTEER

**PLEASE VISIT:**

[WillYouSeeOne.org](https://WillYouSeeOne.org)



## DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

At the University of Florida College of Dentistry, the 2023 recipient of the Brian D. Stone Award was Dr. Michelle Afonso. 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



**122**

Patients  
Served



**510**

Patients  
on Waitlist



**501**

Volunteer  
Dentists



**208**

Volunteer  
Labs Statewide

### FINANCIAL



**\$509,366**

Value of Care to  
Patients Treated



**\$6,813<sup>1</sup>**

Average Value of  
Treatment/Case



**\$45,112<sup>2</sup>**

Value of Donated  
Lab Services

### SINCE FLORIDA PROGRAM INCEPTION (1997)



**2,172**

Total Patients Treated  
Statewide



**\$11,037,588**

Total Value of Care to Patients  
Treated Statewide

<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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