

Dental Lifeline Network • New Jersey ANNUAL REPORT



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More than Dentistry. Life.

THE STORY

The NJ Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Garrett, a 67-year-old Army veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam. Following his time in the military, Garrett continued his commitment to service, working as a police officer for over 20 years before his retirement. Garrett now has several health challenges, including hypertension and back problems, among other issues, which he manages with the help of his daughter who lives with him and helps with daily tasks. Garrett's dental health, however, presented another challenge. Despite having dentures, the top denture was very worn, and he could no longer wear the lower partial denture due to decaying teeth in the lower arch. Garrett, however, was unable to afford dental treatment. Living on a fixed Social Security income, he struggles to make ends meet, and the care he needed seemed out of reach.

This all changed when Dr. Thomas Sniscak, a dentist and DDS volunteer since 2018, stepped in to help. Dr. Sniscak conducted three extractions, and two scaling and root planing procedures. Dr. Sniscak also installed a partial denture for Garrett, generously donated by a volunteer dental lab. Thanks to these volunteers, Garrett was able to receive the help he needed after a life spent in service to his community and country.



Dr. Thomas Sniscak (Belmar), DDS volunteer since 2018 and Dental Lifeline Network • New Jersey Board Member, with Garrett, one of his DDS patients.

"The DDS program makes the most impact on our community by improving the health of our community's most vulnerable. We all know the connection between oral healthcare and systemic healthcare is very strong, so if we can get these people in better shape to eat and be properly nourished, that equates to more birthdays for grandma and grandpa, and more time with grandchildren."

- Dr. Tom Sniscak

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DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

At Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, the 2022 recipient of the Brian D. Stone Award was Dr. David Harold Choo Chong. 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.

New Jersey Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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



FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 IMPACT

PATIENT TREATMENT



331

Patients
Served



176

Patients
on Waitlist



600

Volunteer
Dentists



101

Volunteer
Labs

FINANCIAL



\$873,209

Value of Care to
Patients Treated



\$4,760¹

Average Value of
Treatment/Case



\$58,522²

Value of Donated
Lab Services

SINCE NEW JERSEY PROGRAM INCEPTION (1988)



9,535

Total Patients Treated



\$27,855,279

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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