# Dental Lifeline Network • IOWA ANNUAL REPORT THE STORY

The Iowa Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Mike, 68, who lives with his wife in Howard County. Mike has a rare genetic disorder in which noncancerous tumors grow on the nerves that transmit impulses from his inner ear to his brain. As a result, he has no hearing in one ear and uses a hearing aid in the other ear. Also, he has issues with balance and requires a cane. Mike's dental health was another challenge. He had missing and decayed teeth and his existing partial dentures fit poorly and he couldn't wear them. Unfortunately, Mike was unable to afford treatment to address his deteriorating dental health. Surviving on their Social Security benefits, he and his wife struggle to make ends meet. Their limited income is consumed by their monthly expenses, and dental treatment was financially out of reach.

## **HOW DDS HELPED**

This all changed when Dr. John Wilmes, a DDS volunteer since 2008, came to his aid. Dr. Wilmes restored one tooth, surgically removed gum tissue, and with the help of Dental Prosthetic Services, Inc., donated 14 crowns and upper and lower partial dentures. Thanks to these incredibly giving volunteers, Mike received thousands of dollars of treatment that restored his dental health.

They were all so great. I love my new smile and can't stop smiling. I really appreciate all the people who helped. -Mike, IA DDS Patient



## **GET INVOLVED**

PLEASE VISIT: DentalLifeline.org

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## DONATE

PLEASE VISIT: DentalLifeline.org/Donate

## VOLUNTEER

PLEASE VISIT: WhyIDental.org







Dr. John Wilmes (Decorah), DDS volunteer since 2008, with a member of his staff and DDS patient, Mike.

#### DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

The 2023 recipient of the Brian D. Stone Award was:

**Dr. Alex Hsieh** 

University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics

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.

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

DDS is a Program of Dental Lifeline Network • Iowa with the support of the Iowa Dental Association



## FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IMPACT



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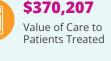


Volunteer

Labs









\$5.052<sup>1</sup> Average Value of Treatment/Case



\$34,527<sup>2</sup> Value of Donated Lab Services

#### SINCE IOWA PROGRAM INCEPTION (2005)





<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.

## **IOWA DDS**

Volunteer

Dentists

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