

# Dental Lifeline Network • MONTANA ANNUAL REPORT



## THE STORY

The Montana Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Lucy, 61, a widow who lives alone in Winston. Lucy was diagnosed with a spinal cord tumor in 2010 and has undergone several surgeries to remove the tumor and address issues with her spine and brain. Despite that, she experiences challenges with her balance, poor dexterity, numbness and back and neck pain. Lucy's dental health presented another concern: she had broken and decayed teeth and experienced frequent pain. She sought help at a local dental clinic but was unable to afford the recommended treatment. Before she became disabled, Lucy worked in hayfields as well as in a warehouse. Now she is unable to work and relies on a Social Security Disability benefit that is consumed entirely by her monthly living expenses. Dental treatment seemed far beyond her reach.

## HOW DDS HELPED

This all changed when a team of DDS volunteers came to Lucy's aid. Dr. Kathryn Sealey extracted one tooth and restored 16 others. Next, Dr. Jaden Erwin extracted two more teeth and placed two implants donated by Straumann USA. Finally, Dimensional Dental Design and McTech Dental Lab donated 13 crowns. Thanks to these incredibly generous volunteers, Lucy received thousands of dollars of donated treatment that restored her dental health!

“ I love to laugh and bring light to a room, but my smile was faltering. By fate, good will and blessings, those who gave to me brought me back the magic that a smile can bring! Thank you so much! -Lucy, DDS Patient ”

## GET INVOLVED

### PLEASE VISIT:

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

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## DONATE

### PLEASE VISIT:

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

## VOLUNTEER

### PLEASE VISIT:

[WhyIDental.org](http://WhyIDental.org)



**LIVE YOUR "WHY"  
AND LET'S DO GOOD  
TOGETHER.**

There are patients on the waitlist across Montana who are waiting for treatment.

Making a difference is easy with DLN. Scan the QR Code, or visit [WhyIDental.org](http://WhyIDental.org) to volunteer!



# Montana Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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



## FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IMPACT

### PATIENT TREATMENT



**104**

Patients Served



**44**

Patients on Waitlist



**188**

Volunteer Dentists



**45**

Volunteer Labs

### FINANCIAL



**\$376,010**

Value of Care to Patients Treated



**\$5,187<sup>1</sup>**

Average Value of Treatment/Case



**\$24,717<sup>2</sup>**

Value of Donated Lab Services

### SINCE MONTANA PROGRAM INCEPTION (1997)



**1,623**

Total Patients Treated Statewide



**\$6,224,287**

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.

### MONTANA DDS

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