

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.



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



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

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VOLUNTEER



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
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FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IMPACT

PATIENT TREATMENT



117

Patients
Served



38

Patients
on Waitlist



218

Volunteer
Dentists



35

Volunteer
Labs

FINANCIAL



\$370,207

Value of Care to
Patients Treated



\$5,052¹

Average Value of
Treatment/Case



\$34,527²

Value of Donated
Lab Services

SINCE IOWA PROGRAM INCEPTION (2005)



2,112

Total Patients Treated
Statewide



\$8,703,404

Total Value of Care to Patients
Treated Statewide

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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