

# Dental Lifeline Network • INDIANA ANNUAL REPORT



## THE STORY

The Indiana Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps patients like Jill, 61, from Marion County. Jill survived stage four breast cancer and has rheumatoid arthritis, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and osteoporosis. She underwent five years of cancer treatment that included four types of chemotherapy, a double mastectomy, and reconstruction surgery and had two hospice stays. Thankfully, Jill's cancer is in remission.

Unfortunately, the chemotherapy treatment impacted her dental health, and Jill's teeth began to crumble. She was in constant pain and frequently on antibiotics but sadly was unable to afford dental treatment. Her Social Security Disability benefit is consumed entirely by her monthly living expenses and she struggles to make ends meet. Dental treatment seemed far beyond her reach.

## HOW DDS HELPED

This all changed when a team of DDS volunteers came to her aid. Dr. Samuel Tancredi extracted 20 teeth and smoothed her jawbone. Next, Dr. Mark Lund and Alexander Lande Dental Lab, Inc. partnered to donate full upper and lower dentures. Thanks to these caring volunteers, Jill received thousands in donated treatment that changed her life. She commented on the impact of this amazing gift.

“Cancer initially damaged my teeth, but DLN saved my life. DLN has changed my life in so many different ways. I would never leave my home other than to go to doctors' appointments. I hadn't seen my family in over 2 years because my teeth were so bad I was embarrassed to eat in front of them. I fully believe had I not had my teeth taken care of, I would not be here today. -Jill, IN DDS Patient”



Dr. Samuel Tancredi  
(Indianapolis), DDS volunteer  
since 2010.

## GET INVOLVED

**PLEASE VISIT:**  
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[DentalLifeline.org/Donate](https://DentalLifeline.org/Donate)

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## DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

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

**Dr. David Harold Choo Chong**

Rutgers School of  
Dental Medicine

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.

# Indiana Donated Dental Services (DDS)

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



## FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IMPACT

### PATIENT TREATMENT



**249**

Patients Served



**210**

Patients on Waitlist



**468**

Volunteer Dentists



**98**

Volunteer Labs

### FINANCIAL



**\$646,029**

Value of Care to Patients Treated



**\$4,027<sup>1</sup>**

Average Value of Treatment/Case



**\$34,177<sup>2</sup>**

Value of Donated Lab Services

### SINCE INDIANA PROGRAM INCEPTION (1991)



**5,874**

Total Patients Treated Statewide



**\$20,106,727**

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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