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**This is
Why I Dental.**
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Helping Those in Need

The Florida Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like Leroy, 71, a veteran from Santa Rosa County. After his Navy service, Leroy experienced both mental health struggles and deteriorating dental health. With only 15 teeth remaining, all of which were in poor condition, his quality of life and ability to maintain his health was severely compromised. Surviving on a Social Security benefit and a small Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit, Leroy could not afford the lifechanging dental care he so desperately needed.

This all changed when Leroy was connected to the DDS program, and Dr. Jeffrey Ottley, a DLN volunteer since 2015 who also serves as the DLN • Florida Secretary/Treasurer, stepped in to help. Working with a volunteer lab, who provided partial upper and lower dentures, Dr. Ottley conducted three routine extractions, as well as scaling and root planing, and fitted Leroy with the dentures. Thanks to the incredible generosity of these volunteers, Leroy received thousands of dollars in dental treatment that restored his smile and oral health!

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The DDS program allows me to help those in need with dentistry in my own office. Everyone should volunteer, it's so gratifying and the patients truly appreciate you.
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Dr. Jeffrey Ottley, DLN • FL Board Secretary/Treasurer & DDS Volunteer



28 YEARS
of life-saving volunteers



\$11.7M
in donated dental treatment



481
Volunteer Dentists
in Florida



200
Volunteer Labs
in Florida



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