

# This is Why I Dental.



## Dedicated Volunteers Restore Smile of a Woman in Need

The Missouri Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like Sheryl, 63, an Army veteran from Cape Girardeau County. In 2016, she was diagnosed with cancer in her vocal cords and underwent radiation treatment and in 2019, she was diagnosed with lung cancer and received a lobectomy, a major surgery to remove part of her lung. Sadly, Sheryl's cancer treatments had a negative impact on her dental health. The radiation caused her teeth to deteriorate, and several fell out and she developed painful dental infections.

Unable to access dental care anywhere else, Sheryl applied to the DDS program where she was helped by 4 volunteers who extracted 20 teeth, smoothed her jawbone, and placed 2 implants. She also received a donated full upper and lower partial denture. This donated treatment restored her oral health and improved her quality of life.



DLN gives me the opportunity to improve the dental health of those around me that might have a hard time getting the care otherwise. We love that we are able to give back to our community and recommend all dental providers give it a shot!

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**25 YEARS**  
of life-saving volunteers



**\$12M**  
in donated dental treatment



**323**  
Volunteer Dentists  
in Missouri



**98**  
Volunteer Labs  
in Missouri



**2,447  
PEOPLE  
SERVED**  
in Missouri since 1999



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