

This is Why I Dental.



Helping Those in Need

The Pennsylvania Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like Wilson, 71, from Chester County. Since retiring from a career in construction, Wilson has suffered from several health challenges including hypertension, diabetes, and chronic bronchitis.

However, his oral health presented another concern. Many of his teeth were missing, those that remained were broken and infected, and he experienced frequent bleeding of his gums. While he wanted to save his remaining teeth, Wilson was unable to afford the care he needed. Surviving on only a Social Security benefit, he struggles to get by and dental treatment seemed beyond his reach.

This all changed when Dr. Nipa Thakkar, a DDS volunteer since 2019, came to his aid. Dr. Thakkar conducted 8 extractions and, with the help of a volunteer dental laboratory, provided Wilson with one full and one partial denture.



DLN and the work of the organization is extremely important. 50% of Americans don't see the dentist for a host of reasons, the number one reason usually being finances. Anything we can do to bridge the gap in the American population is a gift."

Dr. Nipa Thakkar, DLN - PA Board Member



28 YEARS
of life-saving volunteers



\$20.8M
in donated dental treatment



564
Volunteer Dentists
in Pennsylvania



112
Volunteer Labs
in Pennsylvania



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