

This is Why I Dental.



Army Veteran Gets His Smile Back

Mike, a 68-year-old Army Veteran who lives with his wife in Maury County, suffers from chronic kidney disease and diabetes. Additionally, his dental health presented another challenge; he was missing several teeth and others were loose and decayed. His existing partial denture was broken and no longer fit properly. With few healthy teeth left, eating was difficult, and he desperately needed help.

Sadly, Mike was unable to afford the treatment he needed to address his poor oral health. Now retired, he and his wife struggle to make ends meet and his dental insurance did not cover the extensive treatment he needed.

Fortunately, the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program was able to help. Volunteer, Dr. Steven Nowlin, extracted and restored several teeth and, with the help of two volunteer labs, donated upper and partial dentures and three crowns. Thanks to these caring volunteers, Mike was finally able to receive the treatment he needed to restore his dental health and his smile.



The DDS program supports an element of people who fall through the cracks. Volunteering has so many rewards, the smile they give you when you finish is absolutely priceless."

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