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Why I Dental.**  
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## Helping Those in Need

The New York Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like William, 70, a widower who lives alone from Oneida County. William suffers from lupus and Lyme disease. In addition, he hadn't been to a dentist in more than 20 years and his dental health had deteriorated. William had only seven remaining teeth and his existing dentures no longer fit after he lost a significant amount of weight due to his lupus condition. William had a lot of dental pain and desperately needed help, but sadly, he could not afford it.

Formerly employed at a fiberoptic company, William now survives on food assistance and a small Social Security benefit that is nearly consumed by his monthly living expenses. Dental treatment seemed like a luxury far beyond his reach.

Thankfully, William was able to get the care he needed through the DDS program. A DDS volunteer dentist extracted seven teeth and donated upper and lower implant-retained dentures. A volunteer lab generously donated two implants at no charge. Thanks to this team of caring volunteers, William received thousands of dollars in donated treatment that restored his dental health!

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Volunteering with DLN is a great way to help people in need feel healthy and happy again, and it is rewarding to know that you've made a difference in someone's life.

Dr. Edward J. Miller Jr, Chairman of DLN • NY Board & DDS Volunteer



**27 YEARS**  
of life-saving volunteers



**\$14M**  
in donated dental treatment



**400**  
Volunteer Dentists  
in New York



**115**  
Volunteer Labs  
in New York



**2,193  
PEOPLE  
SERVED**  
in New York since 1997



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