

# This is Why I Dental.



## Helping Those in Need

The Kansas Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like Donald, 81, who lives alone in Overland Park. Donald has a history of strokes and arthritis and was an avid organ player for many years until arthritis and surgery prevented him from playing any longer. Unfortunately, Donald's dental health was also a challenge: he was missing teeth and several others were broken at the gums, leaving roots in his mouth.

Sadly, Donald could not afford the treatment he needed to address his declining dental health. No longer able to work, he survives on Social Security and a small pension that are nearly consumed by his monthly living expenses. Donald sought treatment at a local community dental college but his needs exceeded their resources.

Thankfully, Donald was linked with volunteers through the DDS program who agreed to help! A volunteer oral surgeon extracted one tooth and a general dentist restored four other teeth, working with a volunteer lab to donate five crowns. Thanks to this team, Donald received thousands of dollars in donated treatment that restored his oral health and gave him a new reason to smile!



No matter how big or small your contribution is, any impact you have on a single person can make a huge difference in their lives.



Dr. Ranjit Ghanta, DLN • KS DDS Volunteer



**29 YEARS**  
of life-saving volunteers



**\$16.4M**  
in donated dental treatment



**300**  
Volunteer Dentists  
in Kansas



**45**  
Volunteer Labs  
in Kansas



**4,406  
PEOPLE  
SERVED**  
in Kansas since 1996



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