

This is Why I Dental.



Helping Those in Need

The Massachusetts Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like Irvinia, 56, who lives with her husband in Hampden County. Irvinia is battling stage IV metastatic cancer of the head and neck and has undergone radiation and surgery. Sadly, Irvinia's dental health was yet another challenge: she had decayed and infected teeth, dry mouth, TMJ, swollen and receding gums, swallowing challenges, and more.

Irvinia had been a passionate social worker for years and was devastated when her health forced her to stop working. She and her husband are struggling to survive on his income which cannot cover their living expenses and medical bills. Though Irvinia had dental insurance, her policy only covered a limited amount of treatment. Irvinia was desperate for help with her teeth but care seemed beyond her reach.

Thankfully, a generous DDS volunteer came to Irvinia's aid! This volunteer restored a decayed tooth and together with a volunteer lab, donated two crowns. Although Irvinia needed to pause her dental treatment to handle her medical challenges, she has received thousands of dollars in donated care that relieved her immediate dental concerns!



Providing care to a single patient that would otherwise not have access to care is one of the most meaningful things that you will ever do.



Dr. Abe Abdul, DLN • MA DDS Volunteer,
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of life-saving volunteers



\$1.2M
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75
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in Massachusetts



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in Massachusetts



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