

This is Why I Dental.



Helping Those in Need

The Utah Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people like Richard, 81, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam. He now lives in Salt Lake, a few doors down from his son and his family. Richard suffers from moderate dementia, degenerative disc disorder, and kidney disease, and his family looks after him. Over the years, Richard's dental health had significantly deteriorated: his dentures no longer fit correctly, making it difficult to eat, and he began losing a significant amount of weight as a result.

Unfortunately, Richard and his family could not afford new dentures. Following his military service, Richard was a mechanic and owned a small shop which has since closed. Now, he survives on a Social Security Disability benefit that goes entirely toward his monthly living expenses, leaving no funds left over for dental treatment.

Thankfully, this all changed when two generous dental professionals came to Richard's aid! A general dentist and dental laboratory partnered to donate full upper and lower dentures. Thanks to these caring volunteers, Richard received thousands of dollars worth of donated treatment and his dental health and ability to eat were restored!



Teeth are one thing, but the true reward in dentistry is interacting with people connected to those teeth.



Dr. Renn Flinders, DLN • UT Leadership Council Member & DDS Volunteer



10 YEARS
of life-saving volunteers



\$2.6M
in donated dental treatment



104
Volunteer Dentists
in Utah



59
Volunteer Labs
in Utah



**517
PEOPLE
SERVED**
in Utah since 2015



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