

## **Subject:** Join Me in Changing Lives Through Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services Program

Hi colleagues,

As many of you know, I volunteer with Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services (DDS) program, and it has become one of the most meaningful parts of my work as a dental professional. I am reaching out to invite you to join me in helping transform the lives of people in our own communities who have nowhere else to turn for essential dental care.

### **Who DDS Serves**

The DDS program provides comprehensive dental treatment to older adults, individuals living with disabilities, and people who are medically fragile and cannot afford the dental treatment they desperately need.

In addition, veterans who meet DDS eligibility qualifications are prioritized to receive donated care—an important way our dental community can honor those who have served our country.

These patients often fall through the cracks—people whose oral health challenges seriously impact their overall health, confidence, and quality of life.

### **Why Volunteering is Easy (and incredibly rewarding)**

One of the biggest surprises for me was how seamless DDS makes the experience for volunteers.

Here's what to expect:

- **You never pay out of pocket.** DDS coordinates with generous dental labs that donate needed fabrications and will secure specialists if your case requires referrals.
- **Coordinators do all the legwork.** DDS coordinators manage patient screening, communication, paperwork, logistics, and scheduling support so you can focus on what you do best: treating the patient.
- **Your entire dental team benefits.** Participating in DDS has been incredibly rewarding not just for me, but for my whole staff. The stories, gratitude, and impact stay with us long after treatment is complete.
- **[Organization] proudly supports this work.** [Organization] is a proud partner of DLN and fully supports its clinicians who choose to volunteer through the DDS program. Your generosity reflects our shared values and commitment to compassionate community care.

### **How the DDS Program Works**

DDS makes the process straightforward and stress-free:

1. **Apply** – A potential patient applies to the program through a DDS application.
2. **Screen** – A DDS coordinator reviews and screens the patient for eligibility.
3. **Match** – The coordinator matches an eligible patient with a volunteer dentist.
4. **Treat** – The volunteer dentist treats the patient in their own office, on their own schedule. The general dentist designs the treatment plan and leads the course of care, with specialists supporting as needed.
5. **Flexible commitment** – Volunteers can always pass on cases that are not a good fit, and DLN only asks that dentists commit to treating one patient a year.

If you have ever wanted to give back in a direct, personal, and life-changing way, this is it. I would be happy to share more about my experience or answer any questions you may have. You can learn more or sign up to volunteer here: [WhyIDental.org](https://www.WhyIDental.org).

Thank you for considering joining me in this important work. Together, we can help even more people receive the life-changing dental care they deserve.

Warmly,

Dr. [First and Last Name]

DDS Volunteer & [Organization] Ambassador