

Dental Lifeline Network • Kentucky

Program Highlights



Dental Lifeline Network is grateful for the Kentucky Dental Association's partnership in developing a Donated Dental Services (DDS) program in 2015 to help people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other access to dental care, and KDA's continued support.

Kentucky dentists and labs have donated over \$1.475 million worth of comprehensive donated treatment for 287 people. **More dentists are needed statewide – please help a patient today by signing up at WhyIDental.org or scan the QR code.**

The Story

The DDS program helps people like Cassie, 38, a single mom who lives in Green County. Cassie suffers from Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, and kidney stones. In 2020, she battled breast cancer, undergoing chemotherapy and a full mastectomy. She has also had her gallbladder removed and undergone two colon resections. Unfortunately, Cassie's medical challenges have negatively impacted her dental health and made it difficult to get the nutrition she needs to stay healthy. Her medications contributed to dry mouth and she had multiple decayed teeth that caused constant pain. Unable to work, Cassie and her son survive on Social Security Disability insurance and a small amount of child support. With the help of family, they just barely make ends meet each month, with nothing left over for dental treatment.



This changed when a team of DDS volunteer dentists and labs stepped in to help. An endodontist provided a root canal treatment and a general dentist restored a decayed tooth, and with the help of a volunteer laboratory, donated a crown. Thanks to these caring volunteers, Cassie received thousands in donated treatment that relieved her pain and restored her dental health! She shared her sincere appreciation for this amazing gift:

“Thank you so much for everything you and this group do. I'm very grateful for everyone who helped make this happen!!!! — Cassie, DDS Patient”

The Kentucky DDS program is part of a network in which services are available in all 50 states. DLN volunteers provided nearly \$18 million in donated treatment nationwide in fiscal year 2022-2023.

DDS Totals for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Patients Served¹ = 62
 Patients on Wait-list = 151
 Volunteer Dentists = 103
 Volunteer Labs in KY = 23
 Participating Labs outside KY = 8
 Value of Care to Patients Treated² = \$169,372
 Average Value of Treatment/Case³ = \$5,709
 Value of Donated Lab Services = \$17,812

¹Number of Patients Served includes: patients who completed their treatment plan; patients who received services but treatment plan is not yet complete; and patients who are linked with a volunteer but haven't yet received treatment.

²Value of care to patients treated includes value of donated lab services.

³Average value is based on patients that have completed comprehensive treatment; does not include active patients, or patients who continue to receive ongoing care from their DDS volunteer.

Get Involved

Please Visit: DentalLifeline.org
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Volunteer

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Patient Treatment (DDS Program Totals 7/1/23 to 4/30/24)



Patients Served



Patients on Wait List



Volunteer Dentists



Volunteer Labs

Financial



Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$73,064



Average Value of Treatment/Case
\$3,443



Value of Donated Lab Services
\$6,170

Since Program Inception (2015)



Total Patients Treated
287



Total Value of Care to Patients Treated
\$1,475,948

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