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(DDS) Program

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Special Smiles

Celebrating over \$1 million in donated dental treatment!

Wisconsin Donated Dental Services (DDS) Annual Program Report
Activities from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002

Many DDS patients fall through the cracks of most public health programs, including Medicare (which does not offer dental benefits) and Medicaid (which only provides limited dental benefits). Because of their disabilities or ages, they cannot work nor afford expensive dental work.

DDS volunteers provide direct-service treatment to this often overlooked and at-risk population. Designed by dentists to be as simple as possible to volunteer in, DDS is one of the largest dental health programs in the nation.



Since 1998 when the program started, 460 disabled, elderly and medically compromised people have received \$1,046,542 in free, comprehensive dental treatment. This year alone, some of the 476 dentists and 87 laboratories who volunteer treated 153 people, while another 112 patients were in the process of completing treatment. These DDS patients received \$341,948 worth of donated treatment.



Nationally, volunteers have donated over \$50 million in treatment! Consider these other numbers:

- DDS operates in 32 other states;
- More than 10,000 dentists and 2,500 laboratories volunteer;
- This year alone, volunteers across the country donated over \$9 million in services to almost 5,000 people.

Donated Dental Services

What makes DDS successful?

YOU don't work for DDS, DDS works for **YOU!**

Through this charitable nonprofit program, **YOU** decide who **YOU** see and the patient's treatment plan,

YOU can decline any patient for any reason, **YOU** do not pay for the lab costs – volunteer labs also participate,

YOU treat patients in **YOUR** office at **YOUR** convenience, and

YOUR staff also feels good when helping the elderly, disabled and medically compromised in **YOUR** community.

The program coordinators Julie Wilk and Jason Kerkman do the following:

- Distribute applications and program materials;
- Qualify indigent elderly or physically, mentally or medically compromised people as DDS patients (a person may qualify only once);
- Contact labs or specialists when needed;
- Link patients with nearby dentists;
- Remind patients of appointments and verify transportation (if a patient misses an appointment or is late, s/he may be disqualified from the program);
- Resolve problems;
- Ensure only one patient at a time is referred to a dentist.

Wisconsin Donated Dental Services Program		2002 Fiscal Year
PATIENTS		
# of Patients Treated		153
# of Referrals		212
# of Active Cases		112
APPLICANTS		
# Received		284
# Denied/Terminated		218
# of Applications pending (as of 6/30/02)		371
VOLUNTEERS		
# of Volunteer Dentists		476
# involved with completed case ¹		622
# of Volunteer Labs		87
# involved with completed case		412
FINANCIAL		
Value of Completed Treatment	\$341,948	
Average Value of Treatment/Case	\$2,235	
Value of Donated Lab Services ²	\$28,284	
Value of Paid Lab Services	\$10,617	
Operating Costs	\$58,816	
Ratio / Donated Treatment per Dollar of Operating Costs	\$5.81	
TOTALS Since Start of Program (1998)		
Total Completed Cases		460
Total Value of Completed Cases		\$1,046,542
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributed Services	\$341,948	83%
Government Grants	\$40,000	10%
Other Income	\$10,025	2%
Deferred Revenue	\$18,892	5%
	<u>\$410,865</u>	
EXPENDITURES		
Donated Dental Services	\$341,948	86%
Program Support	\$46,832	12%
Management & Fund-raising	\$10,147	3%
	<u>\$398,927</u>	
<small>¹ Not all dentists see a patient every year – some practice in affluent areas or may be specialists who are not always called upon. Moreover, some dentists may have been in the process of completing treatment at year-end and are seeing those listed as Active Patients. ² Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated.</small>		

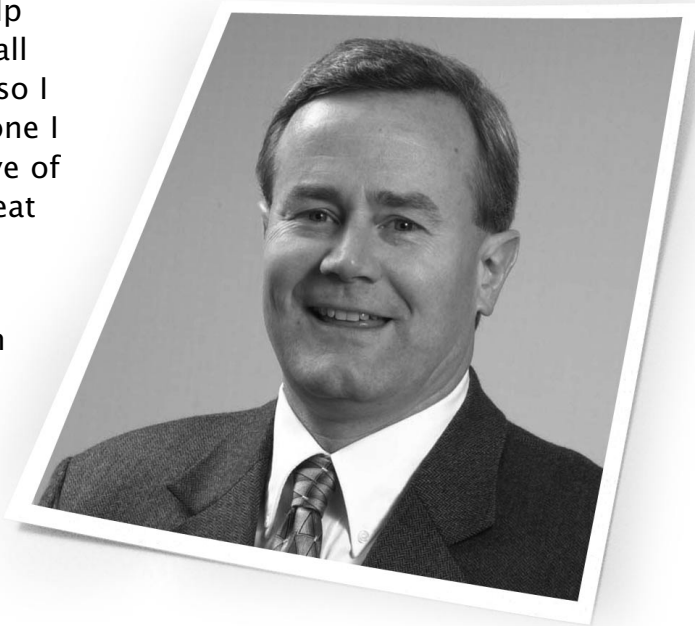
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A case in point:

“There is no greater feeling than to help someone in need. DDS patients have all been pre-screened by the coordinator so I know they truly need my help. Everyone I have treated has been very appreciative of what we’ve offered them. DDS is a great program with excellent patients.”

Michael Donohoo, D.D.S.

President Wisconsin Dental Association
and DDS volunteer since 2001



How can YOU help?

Volunteer

Although the Wisconsin program has many success stories, there are still a number of people waiting for your help. By volunteering for DDS, you cannot solve all of the problems of DDS patients, but you can use your skills and talents to ease at least one part of their lives: their oral health.

To do so, please call the program coordinator in your area: Jason Kerkman at (414) 276-0370 for the Milwaukee area and Julie Wilk at (262) 670-0837 for the rest of the state.

Thank You!

A thank you to our supporters

In addition to the excellent work done by DDS volunteers in helping people who are disabled, elderly or medically compromised, we are sincerely grateful to the organizations that indirectly help DDS patients through endorsements or financial support. Our gratitude goes to Delta Dental Plan of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Dental Association, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and American Dental Association.