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Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program Report • October 2024

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Dental Lifeline Network. • Florida is grateful for the Florida Dental Association's partnership in developing a Donated Dental Services (DDS) program in 1997, which helps people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other access to dental care, and FDA's continued support.

DDS volunteer dentists and labs across Florida have donated more than $11.5 million worth of comprehensive donated treatment for almost 2,300 people. **People are waiting – more dentists are needed statewide – please help a patient today by signing up at WhyIDental.org or by scanning the QR code below.**

FL Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program Totals

	7/1/24-9/30/24	7/1/23-6/30/24
Patient Treatment		
Patients Served[1]	67	100
Patients on Waitlist	429	511
Volunteer Dentists	476	460
Volunteer Labs in FL	199	201
Participating Labs outside FL	4	11
Value of Care to Patients Treated[2]	$108,702	$472,700
Average Value of Treatment/Case[3]	$7,236	$7,358
Value of Donated Lab Services	$11,853	$36,602
Since Program Inception (1997)		
Total Patients Treated	2,296	
Total Value of Care to Patients Treated	$11,688,052	

[1]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.
[2]Value of care to patients treated includes value of donated lab services.
[3]Average value is based on patients that have completed comprehensive treatment and does not include active patients or patients who continue to receive ongoing care from their DDS volunteer.

The Florida DDS program helps people like Robert, 72, who lives in Sanford with his wife and suffers from diabetes, kidney disease, and retina eye disease. Unfortunately, Robert's dental health was another challenge: his existing dentures were over 22 years old and had broken. They no longer fit properly, cutting his gums and making it difficult to eat.



FL DDS Volunteer: Dr. Hochfelder (left) with Robert (middle) and his dental assistant, Liz (right).

Robert and his wife have been foster parents for several years and have always worked to give back to the youth in their community. The couple survive on Social Security benefits and couldn't afford dental treatment for Robert.

Thankfully, two generous DDS volunteers stepped in to help. A general dentist, Dr. Hochfelder, and dental lab, Sakr Dental Arts, partnered to donate a crown, a full upper denture, and a partial lower denture. Thanks to this team, Robert received thousands of dollars in donated treatment that restored his dental health and his smile!