

Dental Lifeline Network

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About Dental Lifeline Network

- National humanitarian dental organization and affiliate of the American Dental Association
- Provides access to comprehensive dentistry for society's most vulnerable individuals; patients with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help
- Organization started in 1975
- Dental Lifeline Network/Donated Dental Services (DDS) program started in 1985 and operates in all 50 states
- Georgia, the newest program started in 2016.



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National Strategic Partners:



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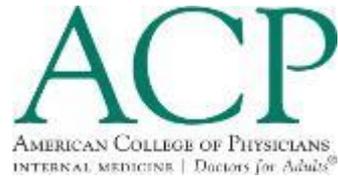


Membership organizations partner with us to encourage their members to volunteer with the DDS program.



+49 State Dental Associations

Nationally Recognized By:



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Mission: Dental Lifeline Network (DLN) is a national charitable organization whose mission is to improve the oral health of people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help. DLN accomplishes its mission by developing and coordinating collaborative relationships that provide essential resources for direct-service programs, especially charitable care.

Program Purpose: Enable people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile to access comprehensive dental treatment by providing volunteer dentists and laboratories an easy and gratifying way to donate services.



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Volunteer Network

- 15,000 dentists
- 3,500 dental labs

Since inception:

- Over \$386 million in donated dental treatment
- More than 122,000 people helped

FY 2017-2018:

- 9,874 individuals were served
- \$26,606,679 in donated treatment including
- \$1,965,760 contributed laboratory fabrications



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Dental Lifeline Network with the support of the Utah Dental Association and endorsement of the Academy of LDS Dentists, established the Utah Dental Lifeline Network program in 2015 (minimal services provided 1997 thru 2015).



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- In 2015, private funder provided start-up funding to establish a UT DLN program
- On 2/21/2017, DLN was awarded contract through – Solicitation #CJ17002 with the Utah Department of Health, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
- Term: 3/1/2017 thru 6/30/21
- Annual Appropriation = \$55,000
- RFP Requirements:
 - Provide Referral Services for free dental care
 - Maintain at least 60 volunteer dentists and 20 labs
 - At least 40% patients over age 60



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Volunteer Dentists:

- Review patient profile in advance
- Choose to see or decline patient
- See patients in their office on their schedule
- No lab costs; no extra paperwork

Program Coordinator (Savannah Gilbreth):

- Coordinators are critical to the program
- Determine patients' eligibility
- Ensure that patients arrive on time for appointments including solving transportation issues.
- Liaison between volunteers and the patients, readily available to solve problems.
- Arrange for assistance from specialists and laboratories.



Dr. John Christensen (Layton), DLN Volunteer and DLN•UT Leadership Council Member, and DDS Patient



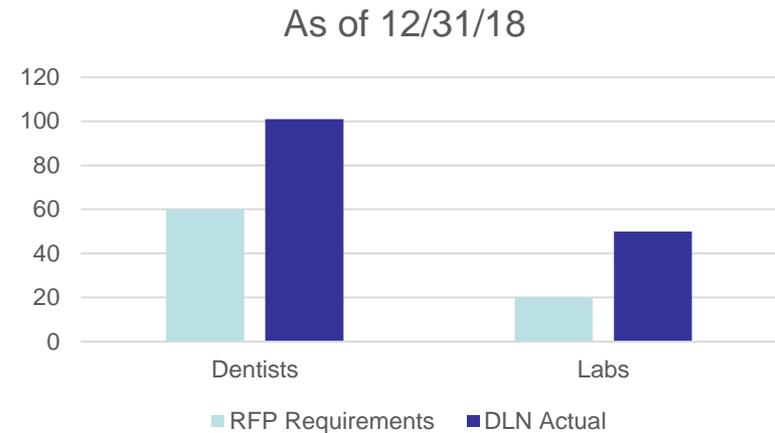
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- **FY 2018-19 (as of 12/31/18):**

- 101 Volunteer Dentists
- 50 Volunteer Labs in UT
- 136 Patients on wait-list



- **Fiscal Year 2017-18:**

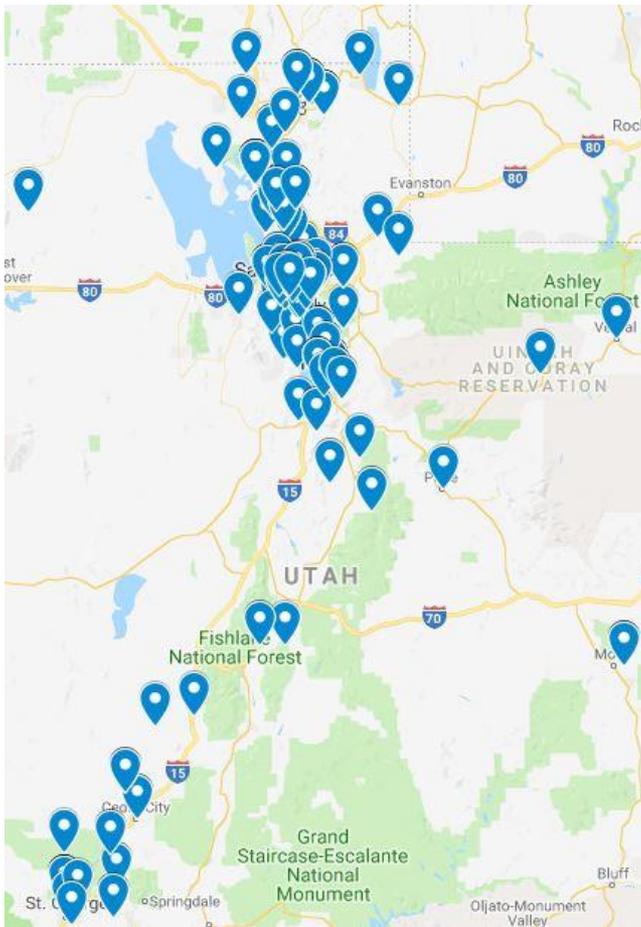
- 76 Patients Served (46% over age 60)
- \$161,640 Donated Treatment Value
- \$3,517 Average Value of Care
- 27 new dentists recruited in 2017-18



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Locations of Patients Served

Since inception:

- 214 Patients Served in 18 Counties
- \$929,183 Donated Treatment Value

2018-19 Patient Goals

- 80 Patients Served
- \$200,000 Donated Treatment Value



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DLN Volunteer and Patient



Dr. Gordon J. Christensen (Provo), DLN Volunteer and serves on the DLN National Board of Directors, and Jared.

- Jared, 37-year old man who lives in Davis County
- Ankylosing Spondylitis – a severe type of genetic arthritis that affects the spine.
- Multiple back surgeries; and hip and knees will need replacement
- Unable to work - survives on Social Security Disability benefit
- Broken teeth, difficult to chew and painful
- Team of DDS Volunteers: general dentist, oral surgeon and prosthodontist donated \$12,783 in treatment.



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Steps to expand outreach and help more people:

- Developed an informal board
- Volunteer Dentist Recruitment:
 - ✓ Advocacy efforts by board members
 - ✓ Academy of LDS Dentists Annual Conference
 - ✓ Utah Dental Association Conference
 - ✓ National “Will You See One” Campaign – launched in 2017-18
 - ✓ National “Will You See One Vet” Campaign – launched November 2018 – to help veterans



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