
Mr. G. & Dr. M

In many ways, Donated Dental Service (DDS) is a way for individuals to have a second chance. DDS offers per screened patients an opportunity to reinvent themselves. DDS helps patients regain self-confidence; in many cases, this leads to them becoming increasingly productive members of their community. As a result we see former patients living healthier and more community oriented lives.

Take for example Mr. G., who is diagnosed with bipolar disorder, hypertension, severe degenerative joint disease and a fight with alcoholism; he was leading an unhealthy, disconnected life. As condition for acceptance into DDS, Mr. G was required to commit to entering Alcoholics Anonymous, and attend AA classes.

DDS has not only helped improve his dental care, but helped encourage him to improve other aspects of his life. While life is still by no means easy as he survives on \$692 a month, and temptation will continue to exist, DDS has helped provide stability and a road map for living a healthier lifestyle. Through an improved self-image, Mr. G will enjoy a happier and healthier retirement.

None of the treatment would have been possible if not for the generosity of Dr. M, AGD member, and DDS volunteer since 2002, who donated her talents. Dr. M has treated several patients since joining DDS, and DDS is most grateful!!