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This tree has quite literally saved my life, in more ways than I can count!!

It has taken me from being completely reliant on my in home care taker -and living my life from either my hospital bed at home, or the hospital bed in a ICU/ CCU at Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento.

I am not kidding either!

I've gone from spending most of my time in a hospital bed to actually being able to live my life!

I have participated in a rally, gone camping(I could only spend 1 night out, but that night was magical!!! Being outside of the house, looking up at the stars, in a heavily wooded area by a beautiful lake, listening to the wonderful sounds of nature, the breeze, smells, shooting stars- I have been able to go swimming and even though I seriously overdid it 😊 😊, IT WAS A DREAM COME TRUE!! I wasn't supposed to make it to my 35th birthday, or never imagined that I would be able to even see pictures of my 3 grandkids high-school graduations... I not only have seen the pictures of each 3 of their high school graduations, BUT I WENT TO ALL 3 OF THEIR GRADUATIONS!!!! And I was able to stand up and shout, clap, and the day of the graduations, I had my daughter take us to get them their outfits, their hair done, if they wanted to and I stayed the night with them and somewhat participated in the party for them and their evening afterwards.

You may not understand what a miracle this was for us but it was nothing short of exactly that: A MIRACLE!!! There have been so very many things that have happened, and I have absolutely no doubt AT ALL, that each event was just because of kratom

I was on my deathbed, particularly the 2 years prior to my starting kratom, especially the year prior to beginning kratom, the 5 months before I had been in either intensive care unit or critical care and when I was home, I had a home health care nurse, as well as my in home health care at home. The 5 months before I began, I was out of the hospital for 9 days. It is still shocking to my Healthcare team, my daughter and grandkids, my " husband " that I am still here I turned 60 in March a even though most of that was without kratom, these last 6+ years weren't without kratom- the time that I have had with kratom has simply been the best! Definitely had my share of challenges, but I know that I wouldn't have been able to get through those challenges without it!

I only take 3/4 to 1 tsp twice a day, sometimes only 3/4 's a tsp twice a day. Never more.

I take at least 2 breaks a year from it. Just absolutely amazing!

As embarrassing as it is for me to admit, I was a half hour away from taking my own life on April 29th, 2017. My first package was late. I couldn't deal with the pain, infections, amputations, surgeries or ANYTHING ELSE that I had been going through since I had turned 16, ANYMORE!

I have had 3 amputations, 243 surgeries and procedures, 2 pulmonary embolisms, several bouts of sepsis and gangrene, 17 bouts of osteomyelitis, each vertebrae has been either broken, fractured or it has collapsed. I have full body CRPS with organ involvement and it is shutting down each organ one at a time and it will eventually kill me. However, since I have begun kratom, I have changed just about everything else in my life. My eating and everything is far healthier, my weight- finally losing weight. So many things, have changed and it is Directly related to kratom!

After almost graduating from medical school (less than 1 year away. Because of my health and the reasons for my divorce from my first husband- I had taken a medical leave of absence from school and I had every intention of returning!!! I wasn't able to), but every aspect of my life has changed since I have been taking kratom!! I have no doubt that this, and kratom is the reason why I am still here!!! Even though I still have a "terminal " diagnosis, I don't believe that diagnosis is still the case!

My labs have all gone from critically low or high, to just about normal. My family no longer gets those " come say your goodbyes, she's not going to make it through the night " phone calls. I feel alive. I am alive. I actually can look/ imagine

ahead and see a future. I am not afraid to imagine the future. This tree is nothing short of a miracle for hundreds of thousands of us!!!

Today I have turned 61. This would have never been possible if it weren't for kratom!

Sincerely
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