

My name is Troy D'Albor; I am a 57 year old computer specialist. Here is my personal story on how Kratom has changed my life. I started using Kratom a little over nine years ago. I was in a terrible accident when I was 19 years old. Fell 125 feet from a building while working in Northern Arkansas down the side of a mountain. I am grateful to have survived the fall, but it has taken its toll. I crushed a vertebrae in my back which I have had two surgeries to correct. I managed for a while probably till I was about 30 years old and started to have some major back pain. Went to the doctor and they recommended another surgery. I chose not to go through it, just too much to bear for me. I choose pain management, really didn't know what that was but it was an option that I accepted. I was prescribed hydrocodone for the pain. It was a life saver so I thought. All I really got was an addiction that eventually turned me into an animal that would define the next 15 years of my life. Running the streets making drug deals, doctor shopping in three different states, stealing to get by, eventually turned to heroin because it was all I could afford. I was then put through the ringer by the system. I really thought there was no way out! Mental Hospital, treatment center, in patient, outpatient, finally thought I found a fix when I was put on Suboxone. It worked for a while but then you're trapped. Your insurance will no longer pay for the doctors or the drug. I was paying over \$1,000.00 a month just to get the drug that I had become dependent on. Doctor visit, drug test, and then prescription, I was in a hopeless situation. I seriously contemplated suicide, even planned it, I thought this was the only way to stop the madness. Then while looking for a way to get off of the Suboxone that I was dependent on and could no longer afford and let me tell you this stuff is near impossible to get off of. I finally found the answer KRATOM! I had no idea what it was but read so many success stories of people getting off of heroin, Suboxone, Methadone, any kind of opiate. A teaspoon of Kratom a few times a day. I'm in a better mood, more energy, back pain at a very low level or none at all. I sleep through the night. This is a natural solution for me that helps me manage pain and take away any cravings for alcohol or opiates. Kratom has given me my life back! I have a steady job, exercise, held on to a marriage of 35+ years. Kratom is a safe alternative to pharmaceutical drugs with important medicinal uses and has changed my life. If you take this away, I fear it will only lead to more tragic deaths of victims of the opiate epidemic, maybe even my own. I know that my own quality of life as a productive member of society will not be the same without Kratom.

Sincerely,

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