

## Dreams Do Come True

### Don't Think You Can Make It to the Top?

Kathleen Smith of Atlanta never liked her “look” and had pretty much quit caring about herself altogether. She never considered herself particularly unhappy; she just stayed busy with work and never paid much attention to herself. One day a colleague took a photograph of her for a press release, and when Smith looked at the photo, she realized it was time to make some drastic changes.



Staring at the photo, Smith focused on the smile she'd had for years, or rather, the smile she'd always tried to hide. She had consulted with many dentists over the years, but was always told they couldn't help her. Then a colleague gave her the name of Dr. David Mastro, internationally acclaimed for being able to correct especially difficult cases such as Smith's.

“My teeth were so discolored and crooked, I was embarrassed to smile,” says Smith. “People used to think I was an angry, old woman who was terribly unfriendly. Dr. Mastro gave me the smile I had thought was only a dream.”

When Mastro examined Smith's smile, he noted numerous challenges involved in creating the beautiful smile she wanted.

“Previous corrective dentistry procedures had failed to correct her problems including her very obvious overbite. The chipped, discolored, worn-down appearance made her smile even more unattractive,” said Mastro. “After straightening her protruding teeth with a combination of handcrafted crowns and veneers, the completed smile makeover was a great success that brought tears of joy to all.”

Inspired by her smile makeover, Smith confided in Mastro her desire for facial rejuvenation, and Mastro referred her to world-renowned facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr. William Silver of Premier Image Cosmetic & Laser Surgery.

Silver suggested the “QT Lift®” and an eyelid lift. The QT Lift® is a new low-downtime facelift procedure developed by Drs. William Silver and Louis DeJoseph for people not quite ready for a full face lift. The “QT” Mini Facelift, recently featured on Fox 5 and 11 Alive News as the best low-downtime alternative to the traditional full facelift, offers all the benefits of a full facelift with little downtime and at about half the cost.

“Kathleen is a beautiful woman that really didn't need a full facelift, says Silver. “She had some premature aging from stress and hereditary factors, but youthful skin and a vivacious personality. It was her own beauty that I revealed.”

“We live in a competitive society where looking and feeling our best has a direct effect on social and business relationships,” says Dr. Sandy McKenzie, a motivational coach assisting Smith with updating her portfolio. “Many aging workers have been putting a new face on their resumes. Even though Kathleen was doing this for herself, she found the renewed confidence and empowerment from her makeover had a positive effect on her business relationships, too.”

Seasoned professionals have been turning to plastic surgery and cosmetic dentistry to buff up their career prospects. Career pressures are a major reason why many men and women undergo plastic surgery. A recent survey by Monster.com of 21,552 online visitors found that 53 percent said they believed that undergoing cosmetic procedures such as dental veneers or plastic surgery would enhance their careers.

UPDATE: Since this story was written, Kathleen Smith received the promotion she had always dreamed of, and she believes that her improved self-image gave her the confidence she needed to succeed.

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