



## Teresa's Story

"I've had very brittle teeth since childhood and my lower jaw had to be surgically extended in 2009. Between those two issues, I had already lost a number of teeth and dental care was a financial challenge even when I was employed full-time as a journalist and had insurance!! In 2012-2013, I left a toxic marriage and went through a divorce, foreclosure, bankruptcy, my father's death, my mother's stroke, a job layoff, and an eviction - simultaneously. I'd had depression / anxiety all my life, but with all those together I wound up having a psychotic break. My teeth suffered all this time (had lots of other stuff on my mind, LOL) and my options for dental care were slim to none, given that I have no credit and no savings. When I realized I was in danger of losing more teeth I went into an existential panic. I cannot express the terror of having lost everyone and everything and imagining myself missing visible teeth (at 55 and vain!). I'm a writer with a big vocabulary, but I cannot find the words to express my gratitude for Dr. Fisher and Affordable Dental Care, Inc. To this skeptic, they are truly angels on earth."

