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PROGRESSIVE DENTISTRY

Are You Proud of Your Appearance?

Pride can be defined as having proper self-respect. Deep down inside, everyone wants to feel proud—proud of who we are, what we achieve, the way we look, and how we interact with other people.

TK, a handsome young man, came to my office. He was very bright, top of his class, and heading off to college. While he had a lot going for him, it was evident that what he didn't have was that all important self-confidence. He tended to be introverted and socially unengaged. TK had a gap in his front teeth and one tooth was longer than the other. He had learned to hide his teeth with his lip instead of smiling. TK wasn't proud of his appearance and it obviously affected his demeanor. He was clearly upset, angry, and frustrated. TK's parents were seeking a way to help their son begin his college experience without being hampered by this issue.

Braces were discussed as one option to correct his dentition, but TK did not wish to make his first impression at college in braces. We took some photos and measurements and decided that conservative reshaping of the teeth coupled with some tooth colored bonding would, in his case, resolve TK's long standing issues about his smile. With TK and his parents in agreement, we proceeded with the plan.

When TK first saw his new smile, he experienced a life-changing event. His entire attitude changed in that instant. It was like lifting a great weight off his shoulders. TK could actually smile unencumbered for the first time in years. In TK's before photos, I could barely get him to reveal his teeth. His after photos show him smiling from ear to ear! TK's mom cried joyful tears seeing her son so happy after so many years of disappointment. When I phoned later that day to see how TK was doing post treatment, his dad told me that TK had burst into the house

with his new found smile wanting the car keys so he could go out and show it off.

There is great satisfaction in restoring someone's self-esteem, and progressive dentistry now makes it possible. Today there are many ways to make your smile not only more healthy, but more attractive. Our smile and our eyes are the first two features people notice about us. Smiling is the most obvious facial cue that we are positive and happy, and smiling feels good!

If you are like TK, and your dental issues are affecting your confidence, how you see yourself or how others see you, progressive dentistry has a solution for you. Contact your dental provider for more information on bonding and the many other options available today. You could find yourself experiencing a life-changing event.



make a *beautiful* first impression

Nothing makes a bigger or faster impression than your smile.

In fact, a beautiful smile can be your biggest asset. It can affect how you feel about yourself—and how others perceive you.

Plus, research shows that when you feel good about your smile, you are more likely to feel confident, positive, even younger!

No one understands this more than Dr. Colin Morton and his team. They provide life-changing dental care in a spirit of compassion and excellence.

Get the smile you've always wanted. **Call 518-877-8687 today** and make your first impression last.



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