

Trisha's Story

My name is Trisha B. and I am a chair side technician at Heidi Harman Orthodontics. I have been with H2O for 5 years and I love our team and absolutely love working with Doc (that is what I like to call Dr. Harman). I truly wouldn't work for any other orthodontist. This is my team and the place I am meant to be, they are the BEST!

Most of you already know me as "Trisha"...if you don't, you soon will. I am a HUGE K-State fan, as is my husband, Jake. You can visit him and his family at their family-owned Ace Hardware on Parker Street in Olathe, and meet Terry the tortoise.

Back to H2O. Over the 15 years that I have been in the dental field, I have seen and heard so many young patients complaining about getting braces and not really appreciative of their braces or treatment. I am hoping that this story sheds a new light on having braces, the transformation that happens with a new straight smile, and how lucky they are.

Ok, here is my story – FINALLY...

As a child I knew my teeth were different and I really wanted braces. Unfortunately, my sister and I didn't visit a dentist until I was 13 years old. That's when my parents found out I was missing 6

adult teeth and had a peg-shaped, undersized front tooth! I had multiple baby teeth left due to not having the permanent teeth under the gums and I definitely needed braces. I remember the car ride home. I was so excited at the thought of fixing my teeth! But then, I overheard my mother tell my step dad about my problem. The verdict was they simply couldn't afford the braces.

Coincidentally my Godfather, Chris, had always said he would buy my sister and me a car for high school. Not only that, he would buy ANY car we wanted! Because I wanted a very rare and hard to find car, he started the search and purchased my "Dream Car" two years before I was even able to drive. It was a beautiful, nearly mint 1966 Ford Mustang; white with red interior and personalized plates reading TRSH ANN.



Sometime later, I started thinking about my teeth and smile. I made a very hard decision that I have never regretted. I approached my parents with the conclusion that I should sell that awesome car to get my braces. That is what I did. Many years later, every time I smile, I think how lucky I was to have a way to get my braces, what I gave up for, and the everlasting yet meaningful value of it all. So, all of us at H2O ask of you to send a note of appreciation to your parents or whoever helped you complete your orthodontic treatment.

FYI

(At least I got to drive that car before I sold it!)

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