

Smile Makeover

One investment to smile about for years

Dawne Vandiver receives top quality smile makeover from Dr. Samuel Jirik

Why did Dawne Vandiver drive to Cabot to have her smile makeover, when she could have chosen anyone? It wasn't the first place or even the second place she had considered. She consulted with several Little Rock dentists about her dental treatment but felt pressured and rushed. "I felt that the other dentists were quick to diagnose me without a thorough examination. One dentist told me what I needed before I even opened my mouth," said Dawne.

"My mouth reminded me of a patchwork quilt. I was concerned with the poor condition of my existing restorations and I was tired of looking in the mirror at the same dull smile." Dawne, like many mid-aged active women, grew up in a generation where dentistry wasn't a priority but a last minute necessity. Dawne drove to Cabot at the insistence of a good friend who had recently had a smile makeover with Dr. Jirik. Dawne knew of his reputation in implant dentistry but wondered why her friend would have an implant dentist redo her smile. The answer? All smile makeovers are as unique as the patient. Dr. Jirik's office routinely does custom full mouth smile makeovers for many of their patients. Dr. Jirik follows the principles of aesthetic smile design with each case whether it is natural teeth, dental implants or custom dentures.

"I felt comfortable with Dr. Jirik and his staff. I had a thorough dental examination and x-rays. Dr. Jirik spent over an hour with me. He was concerned with the long term

results of the treatment and tailored his services to meet my needs," exclaimed Dawne.

Following a full evaluation and a discussion of her desires, Dr. Jirik established that veneers alone would not correct Dawne's dental situation or gain the results she wanted. A more comprehensive treatment plan involving opening the bite with porcelain bonded crowns would create the desired cosmetic and facial changes. Dawne's smile was evaluated clinically with digital photographs and compared to photos of her



Whitney, Dawne, Matt and Katie Vandiver

smile from previous years. Once Dawne's smile design was agreed upon, molds, photographs and instructions were sent to a dental lab to fabricate custom temporaries before her crown preparation appointment.

Dawne's initial prep appointment

for her dental work was completed in one morning under intravenous conscious sedation. "Utilizing IV sedation instead of oral or pill sedation allows us to precisely sedate our patients to the desired level and duration. If the patient falls asleep, that's great with IV sedation. If you do more than "snooze" with a pill then there is cause for concern. We can

predictably manage the most apprehensive patient or complicated procedure without patient

recollection and the accompanying stress," explained Dr. Jirik.

Dawne's beautiful custom crystal temporaries were placed at the crown preparation appointment. Unlike ordinary temporaries, which may make a patient go into seclusion or take a vacation for

weeks to hide from family and friends, these temporaries allow the patient to test drive and tweak their smile to perfection. After the temporaries have been placed and perfected, once again molds and pictures are sent to the lab. Dawne's temporary crowns were so natural and life like that she actually hosted her son's graduation party from law school while in temps.

After a few weeks of adjustment to her new facial dimension and a final contouring of her temporaries, Dawne's new crowns were delivered. These high quality crowns meet the patient's expectations and demands and eliminate the guess work associated with traditional crowns. This technique requires more time of the dentist and patient but the results are worth the extra effort. The results were a beautiful smile that Dawne was able to have perfected to her desires.

"All too often we see patients who have had smile makeovers without consideration of the underlying problems, which have contributed to their smile's demise. We feel the real beauty of our smile makeovers are the unseen corrections that help insure many years with a beautiful smile," said Dr. Jirik. Dawne explains, "When making an investment like this, it is very important to know you are choosing a dentist with years of experience and is educated on the newest technology. Everyday, people choose to invest in a new car or take a vacation, instead I decided to invest in my new smile. I will have a beautiful smile for the rest of my life and I love it."

Samuel F. Jirik, D.D.S.

Dr. Samuel F. Jirik is an Arkansas native and long time Cabot resident. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, William, 9, and Annalise, 6. Dr. Jirik has been practicing dentistry since 1986 and has placed and restored more than 2,000 dental implants since 1989.

Dr. Jirik received a

bachelor of science degree in Health science from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. His dental degree was obtained from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in 1986.

Dr. Jirik recently spoke after former Arkansas Razorback Football Coach, Lou Holtz, at a dental conference in Kansas City.

He holds positions such as:

- Diplomat, American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry
- Fellow, American Academy of Implant Dentistry
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