

## I CAN EAT AGAIN

All dental work has a story. This patient came to us through a referral of another patient. Many years ago, she had a lower denture that no longer fit. She tried relining it, but still no success. After years of frustration of not being able to chew or even smile for fear of her dentures falling out, her dentist at the time suggested dental implants. Her denture would 'snap' on the implants, making her able to chew.

The patient was told that it would cost over \$10,000 for treatment. Keep in mind this was over 10 years ago. There was no way that the patient could afford this. Depressed, she went home to tell her husband about the news. After a long discussion, her husband told her to go ahead with the procedure. He worked for the US military at the time, but did not have that kind of money. So in order to pay for his wife's dental work, he got a job at night delivering pizza at right after his regular job.

After many deliveries and sacrifices, he had saved up enough money. This was when his wife got her life back. Now she could eat and smile without worrying about her teeth failing out in public. It was amazing the transformation which had taken place!

Once I heard her story, I felt that it was something to share with you. Not only for the fact that this patient's quality of life was tremendously enhanced, but for also the care and concern that a husband had for his wife. Thank you Karen for allowing me to tell your story.