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My name is Michele, and I am 32 years old. Kratom has saved my life in a different way than it has others. Before I found kratom, I was an alcoholic for 13 years.

The only time I was ever sober was during my pregnancy with my daughter. Not long after she was born, I found myself drinking again. Every single day. I never thought I could ever quit. I couldn't imagine even going one day without consuming alcohol. I was a terrible mother, girlfriend, daughter, etc. because of alcohol, and I knew it. Yet, I continued to drink every single day, knowing I was destroying all the relationships I had in my life.

Then I found kratom.

I was originally searching for something that would help give me some sort of energy throughout the day. I was a functioning alcoholic. I drank every night, but I went to work every day, and needed something to help me power through the day after being hung over regularly. Within a week of taking kratom, I suddenly lost every single urge I ever had to drink. I couldn't believe it. I went from never thinking I could give up drinking to never wanting to consume an alcoholic beverage again.

Because of kratom, I am the daughter, girlfriend, and most importantly, the super mom I never thought I could be. I am the best version of myself. I have the energy to be a productive member of society, and my daughter has gained the mother she always deserved.

If kratom was removed from my life, I fear my addiction will resurface. I never want to return to that time in my life.