

First, my name is Jennifer VanBlunk. I'm 38 years old, and I'm a recovering addict.

My addiction began after a medical discharge from the USN, and a prescription for percocet for my cracked heel. The percocet helped with the pain, but that's not where it ends. It also kills emotional pain. Beautifully.. so well, in fact, I even thought it was the answer to all my problems... unfortunately, all of actually did was shine bright lights on every issue I have.

I spent 5 years throwing my life away, intentionally with every conscious bad decision, and even the subconscious ones. I tried every pill that comes from a pharmacy including xanax, gabapentin, certain steroids, antidepressants, anti-anxiety and pain medication.. none of it helped.. it soothed the beast inside me for a time, but that beast always won in the end...

After another 5 years of suboxone treatments from a legitimate dr, I heard about kratom, and I thought it sounded like someone trying to sell me magic beans.. Total bullshit.. and then I tried it.

That day, for the first time in over 10 years, I felt normal. There was a light at the end of the tunnel I had gotten lost inside of, years ago.. it works.

Kratom not only helped me past the physical withdrawal symptoms, but it also helped me to see that my life wasn't over because I tried to run away from it.. changing my life was exactly what I needed to do. I just needed to find a better way to go about that change.

It's been 2 years that I have been able to not even contemplate taking any pharmaceuticals, because I am happy. For the first time in a decade, my depression is under control. I can sit and read a book without anxiety. I can go to work and be my best self. There are SO many improvements to my life that it would be impossible to put it all into words..

I've also given kratom tea to other struggling addicts, and regardless of their drug of choice, the kratom seems to win them all over..as long as they want their life back, the kratom is the way to find yourself again.

Please, I've seen what this plant has done, not only for myself, but the thousands of people across this country who support each other in plant based recovery, and help to guide the desperate to personal salvation through this tea, IT SAVES LIVES...

Regulation, in itself, is something I am for.. we need to ensure that people are buying and selling PURE KRATOM, lab tested and unadulterated, to prevent any types of unintended harmful outcomes, simply because of greed and stupidity.

It needs to be a safe, regulated plant, endorsed to be safe, by the government... and if the FDA would stop taking its stance according to the profits of big pharma, we could have a cure for the opioid epidemic that began with the greed of the pill industry and was enabled by certain doctors and politicians ..