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HARLESS FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC PROUDLY INTRODUCES: DR. LARRY WALLEN

Hello, my name is Dr. Larry Wallen and I would like to share with you how chiropractic has affected my life. One day while playing a game of pick-up basketball, I took a hard fall while getting a rebound. Initially it wasn't that painful, but as the days passed I could tell that something was wrong. My stubborn side kept telling myself that everything was OK and it will get better on its own. Unfortunately that wasn't the case. I found myself with constant low back pain daily. Little did I know at the time that my pain was affecting more people than just myself. I became very unpleasant to be around and found myself avoiding fun social activities. Throughout the course of my low back pain I thought about my dad's case of low back pain, I didn't want my life to be governed by a symptom.

Eventually it was recommended that I see a chiropractor. After a few visits my low back pain decreased significantly, I was ecstatic. With my low back pain gone, I felt re-energized with a new found passion for life. Although my friends and family stood by my side throughout the course of my low back pain, it put a strain on those relationships. These were people I loved most in my life and I was hurting them because I wasn't being as compassionate as I usually was. I saw those relationships get re-vitalized following my chiropractic care and the correction of mis-aligned vertebral segments. I was not just content with symptomatic relief though. I started preventative care in order to maintain my body's new state of health.

Unfortunately this wasn't the case with my dad's neck and low back pain. When he was younger he landed on his neck in a sports injury and was the victim in an automobile accident in which he was blindsided. As long as I can remember his neck and back bothered him. The pain was so bad he had to give up playing golf along with other sports that he loved to play. His pain began affecting more than just his recreational and social activities. After his surgeries, my father was bed ridden and barely able to walk. He was forced to give up his profession, dentistry, a passion only rivaled in life by his family. The emotional turmoil my father faced was devastating. He was the sole provider for a family of six and had to retire prematurely. These were very stressful times for my family. After several surgical procedures (over the course of several years) attempting to resolve his chronic pain, it still remains today.

Throughout my course of low back pain I saw several parallels to my father's. One thing I knew for sure was that I didn't want to go down the same path that his pain led him down. In addition to wanting to follow my fathers footsteps into the health profession I was motivated to help people as well. I knew that I wanted to help people in the same manner that chiropractic helped me. After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Integrative Biology for the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign I attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA. Throughout my academic and clinical career at Palmer, my dream of helping people was being fulfilled one patient at a time. On my chiropractic journey, I have had the privilege of going to Vietnam on a clinic abroad trip. This was one of the most gratifying experiences I have ever had in my life. I graduated Palmer in the spring of 2010 with Summa Cum Laude honors. Today I eagerly continue to help patients with a vision of creating a healthier planet, one person at a time trying to give back to the world what chiropractic has given to me.

It is my pleasure to be joining your community and Dr. Kenny's practice. When you need me to come and tell the message of health, wellness & humanity, I am here for you. I welcome the opportunity to speak to groups large and small. Please contact me at (734) 529-8600 to set up a time. I am looking forward to meeting you all and making Dundee my new home.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Wallen

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