

A New Reason to Smile:

How One Snowbird Found Lasting Dental Relief in Naples

For many seasonal residents who divide their time between North and Southwest Florida, finding healthcare they can trust in both places can be challenging. And dental emergencies rarely happen at a convenient time.

For Walter Fahey, a longtime snowbird who splits his time between New Jersey and Naples, an unexpected dental problem led him to **Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry**—and changed the way he feels about going to the dentist.

Walter had been receiving extensive dental treatment in New Jersey when a temporary bridge suddenly came loose while he was in Naples. It was a Saturday, and he was uncomfortable and unsure where to turn.

“I called Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry and they scheduled me immediately,” Walter recalls. “I was amazed they could see me within the hour.”

That visit introduced him to **Dr. Hetienne Macedo**. What began as an emergency appointment soon became something more important: the beginning of a relationship built on trust.

“Dr. Macedo took the time to explain everything,” Walter says. “She didn’t just focus on the immediate problem. She wanted to understand the bigger picture and help me get healthy again.”

Walter needed significant dental treatment, but what he remembers most isn’t the procedures—it’s how comfortable he felt throughout them.

“The most incredible part was that I had no pain,” he says. “I’ve always been someone who dislikes going to the dentist, so that experience completely changed my expectations.”

Over time, Dr. Macedo developed a plan to restore Walter’s smile and help him eat comfortably again. His treatment included replacing damaged dental work and using dental implants to replace missing teeth.

Restoring missing or failing teeth can make a meaningful difference in everyday life. Being able to chew comfortably, speak confidently and smile without hesitation can have an impact far beyond appearance.



Walter’s treatment required careful planning and, at times, collaboration with other dental specialists. Throughout the process, he says Dr. Macedo’s attention to detail stood out.

“She’s a perfectionist,” Walter says with a laugh. “If something isn’t exactly right, she won’t accept it.”

During one recent appointment, Walter saw that firsthand. Although a new tooth was functional, Dr. Macedo felt the result could be improved and chose to have it remade for a better fit.

“That really impressed me,” Walter says. “Many dentists would have said it was good enough, but Dr. Macedo wanted it to be right.”

For Walter, however, the experience has been about more than dentistry. He also credits the team at Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry for creating an environment where he feels welcomed and cared for.

“Everyone there is so professional, nice and competent,” he says. “It’s just a different atmosphere from any dental office I’ve experienced before.”

That feeling is particularly meaningful for someone who admits he has never enjoyed going to the dentist.

“As a patient, I very much dislike the dentist,” Walter says. “But I will never go anywhere besides Dr. Macedo now. I would even fly to Naples for a cleaning because I trust them that much.”

For many people, especially those who have had difficult dental experiences in the past, that trust can make all the difference. Delaying care because of fear or uncertainty can allow a small dental problem to become a much larger one. Finding a dental team that listens, explains options clearly and makes comfort a priority can help patients feel confident about getting the care they need.

Today, Walter can enjoy his time in both New Jersey and Naples with something he didn’t have before: confidence in his dental health and a team he knows he can turn to.

“Looking back, I only wish I had found Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry sooner,” he says.

His advice to others is simple:

“Don’t wait. Find a dentist who truly cares about getting it right. For me, that was Dr. Macedo and the team at Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry.”

Sometimes, a dental emergency can lead to something unexpected—not just relief from pain, but a reason to smile again.



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