

Local Makeovers

From "Rags to Riches"

by Paula Krueger

Mary Wilson is not rich by any monetary standard, but she is richly blessed because she has the love and support of her local family, Lisa Marie and Tom.

Mary is in her middle thirties, and for the last eleven years she has been homeless. Naturally, Mary never envisioned this lifestyle for herself; however, circumstances overwhelmed her, and she found herself on the streets. Her sister, Lisa Marie and her husband, Tom, sent Mary to Discovery Training-Tools for Successful Living and opened their home to her. Mary was very self-conscious about not having teeth, so Lisa-Marie and Tom found a local dentist, Dr. Darren Crosbie, who gave Mary a new smile. Mary is now working hard to get back on her feet, and this makeover helped her feel like a new person!

When Shannon Bates, a stylist at Cloud 9 Salon and Spa since 1998, met Mary, she saw her as a blank canvas on which she could create her art. Shannon is a Redken Artist and teaches classes on her days off from the salon.

Mary's hair was very "rag tag," unruly and long. Shannon used Redken color gels all over Mary's hair with cappuccino as the base color, adding golden blonde



and copper/red highlights around her face. The cut is an above-the-shoulder angled bob with shorter layers in the back

and longer toward her face. This style allows Mary to more easily straighten her naturally curly hair.

Shannon created Mary's "new face" with Mac cosmetics—studio fix powder and foundation were applied to her clean skin. Shannon highlighted her brow line with vanilla crème eye shadow, and rustic gold and cinnamon shadows were applied to the lid and crease of Mary's eyes. Tawny blush and bronzer and Mac Stuck on You Forever Wear on Mary's lips completed her new look. Mary is thrilled with her new look and her new life. In fact, when she catches a glimpse of her in the mirror, she is startled when she realizes that the pretty, happy woman is her!

Mary's brown corduroy pants and jacket and red turtleneck were provided by Bella Rosa. Bella Rosa is a unique boutique in Flower Mound and carries fashions for all ages and sizes. The store is located at 2021 FM 407, Suite 249 (in the



Albertson's Shopping Center) and is owned by Tammy Foster and her two daughters, Shelley Smith and Stacey Bone.

Colleen Drew of Colleen G. Drew Photography provided the photos for this makeover. Colleen's work can be viewed at www.cgdrew.com, and she can be reached at her studio in Highland Village, 972-317-0050.

If you are interested in a makeover or if you would like to recommend someone, please write to Kim Cloud-Gracey at Cloud 9 Salon and Spa, 1860 FM 407, Highland Village, Texas 75077.

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