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My name is Sandra Elizabeth Figueroa and I'm 47 years old and I have vitiligo. It was during the year 1984 where my struggle with vitiligo began and has stayed throughout my years. I started noticing the vitiligo on my jaw line. I saw I was losing pigment in that area but I've noticed that it was as pronounced as it is in the present. As time passed, the vitiligo slowly spread onto my armpits, legs, elbows and hands. The spreading wasn't the only problem; unfortunately, the vitiligo was becoming more noticeable. I then realized I had restrictions on what clothing attire I could wear without showing my disease.

Knowing that vitiligo is a disfiguring and non-curable disease, I felt my whole world of being a woman came shattering down like a beautiful, ornamental mirror. Seeing the spots and uneven pigmentation on my face caused pain, sorrow, anger, frustration and gave me a low self-esteem. During this time in my life, I realized that I had to learn to accept the disease. I can't change what has happened to me and I can't live a life of self-pity. By this point, I couldn't help but see the reflection of a strong woman in a broken mirror. I had to believe that I am capable to recover my self-confidence and my outer beauty. I've also understood that the unconditional love of family and friends is more important than the rejections and disgusted stares I receive from the public because of the vitiligo.

I was introduced to several makeup brands that would supposedly help cover up the uneven pigmentation, however, all of them failed. I've tried Derma-Blend and MAC to name a few and I could never achieve the proper coverage I so desperately wanted. This has been a constant struggle and it's been especially hard when the brands only provide limited shades that match my complex skin tone. Thinking I could never find the perfect makeup for my condition and about ready to give up on trying anything else, I was finally introduced to CoverFx: the answer to my impossible solution. A friend of mine that was a patient at the Sunnybrook Hospital mentioned CoverFx in early 2003. I learned about Lee Graff, the creator and the mastermind behind CoverFx and decided to book an appointment with her to finally choose the correct shade for me.

Since then, the makeup gave me a chance to gain my once lost self-esteem because it is a flawless product that gives me an excellent coverage that lasts the entire day, despite the weather. I've also been stopped on the streets because strangers would wonder and ask about the makeup I use since it sits on the face so beautifully and naturally, without the cake-y look. With any hesitation I tell them that it's CoverFx. I am able to look people in the face and have direct conversations with them without having the feeling of being stared at. No one can tell I have this disfiguring skin condition. I also use CoverFx for my armpits, legs and hands; especially for the summer months where I feel free to use the clothes I want, without having a second thought.

CoverFx has made my life easier and I feel that I can now enjoy a normal lifestyle without being ashamed of my appearance. It has been my lifesaver that I can't live without. Since I work in retail and as an interpreter I need to feel confident and that's the result CoverFx gives me.

Along with this letter, I am sending you pictures before I was diagnosed with vitiligo. You will be impressed on how bad it is being diagnosed with vitiligo and how it had affected my life. I was once a very attractive woman, always being complimented on my flawless skin, beautiful complexion and that's without the makeup. Now it's different. I am also sending you pictures of me without any CoverFx and another after I apply CoverFx. To make you realize how CoverFx has changed my life I am also sending photos of my everyday activities and trips I went to, such as the beach, which I thought I could never do again.

Please give my regards to Lee Graff, the woman behind the makeup that helped rebuild my confidence and for my future endeavors that are yet to come. Thank you very much again for your time.



**Before vitiligo**

**After getting vitiligo**

**With CoverFx**