

## Trax transformations

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Date you started your fitness journey? January 2018

I have always struggled with being overweight throughout my life. After my mother passed away in 2013 from cancer, I started eating "comfort food" to deal with the loss and I gained a lot of weight and my physical appearance drastically changed. I realized that I needed to start and lose weight after looking myself in the mirror one day and realizing how much I had let myself go. I didn't like to take pictures of myself with friends and family because I was embarrassed about the way that I looked. I decided in December 2017, that I needed to sign up for the gym and lose weight and gain muscle and live a healthy life. I decided to sign-up at Healthtrax because I knew it had a pool and I enjoy swimming. I was excited when I learned that I would receive two physical training sessions with a personal trainer which no other gym had offered me before. I was lucky to have Michael Leverone as my trainer for a free personal training session. One the first day, we did a body scan, which showed me how overweight I was and we set goals. He also taught me about proper nutrition and what was healthy and unhealthy to eat. After, our first session I knew that I wanted to have Lev as my trainer. I signed up with Lev, and he has been amazing. I told him my goals and we work to achieve and exceed these goals weekly. Lev has helped me build self-confidence and pushed me to limits in ways I didn't even know was possible. It has been four months since I met Lev, and I am happy to call him my friend. When this journey began I weighed 239.6 pounds and today I weigh around 206. I know for a fact that I wouldn't have made it where I am today had it not been for Lev and he has gone above and beyond to make sure that I achieve my goals. I am determined now to get back to 170 pounds and have lean muscle mass and live a healthy life. With commitment and determination, I will meet this goal.

What were the problems you were experiencing before you started your journey? Clothes that didn't fit, out of breath, low self-esteem

Had you tried any other solutions previously?

I used to walk a lot and then I stopped. The issue was once I reached my goal weight, I stopped exercising and began eating junk food. I used to be a member at Planet Fitness but due to not having a trainer I stopped going and had little motivation.

What led you to Healthtrax?

To be honest the swimming pool. I love to swim, and I used to always see the pool open during the summer months and think about joining the gym so that I could swim.







What is your favorite thing about Healthtrax?

My personal trainer Lev. He pushes me to the limits and encourages me to succeed. Without his support, I wouldn't be in the position I am today.

What is your favorite moment/experience during your time at Healthtrax?

My favorite moment at Healthtrax was when I mastered the Banana Roll that I had attempted on day one with Lev and failed miserably at. I was able to successfully do the Banana Roll and now I enjoy doing it during our trainings.

What are some of the benefits you have received?

Lev has gone above and beyond to help me reach my goals. He has stayed with me longer than scheduled to make sure that I finish the required exercises. I am enjoying my experience at Healthrax and this one-on-one support is leading me toward attaining my goals.



