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WHITBY -- Margolian Dentistry worked with the Rotary Club of Bowmanville to provide dental work to local residents in need through its annual free dental day and a complete smile makeover. Husband-and-wife dental team Dr. Mark Bishara and Dr. Sheri Margolian provided Allison Bunt with a complete life-changing dental makeover. Allison received a \$25,000 dental makeover with partial funds coming from the Rotary Club of Bowmanville program.

Durham woman's million-dollar smile made possible by \$25,000 in free dental work

Local dentists Sheri Margolian, Mark Bishara offer free dental days, annual smile makeover

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DURHAM — For years, Allison Bunt was self-conscious when she smiled.

Many of her teeth were rotted or missing, making it painful to eat and even harder to be confident meeting new people or going on job interviews.

"I think that was the sole reason I was unable to find a job," says Bunt, 28, an Oshawa resident and mom of two. "People wouldn't say anything, but I could always tell they were looking at my teeth."

Enter local dentists Dr. Sheri Margolian and Dr. Mark Bishara.

For the past few years, the local couple — who own West Bowmanville Family Dental and Margolian Dentistry in Whitby — have offered twice yearly free dental days, and provided one person a year with a free, complete smile makeover.

When they heard Bunt's story, she was an obvious pick for the 2016 makeover.

"Allison is so young, we knew it was going to make such a big difference to her quality of life," Margolian says.

The work took a full year, just wrapping up a few weeks ago.

It involved pulling 22 teeth — all the ones on top and all the back ones on the

bottom — as well as putting in implants, snap-in dentures and crowns.

Dental work of that magnitude would normally cost about \$25,000, which Bunt says she would never have been able to afford on her own.

Thanks to her new smile, she now has a job working in logistics and operations, and plans to go back to school to study that field. "I feel amazing," she says, flashing a huge grin. "This has changed everything for me."

The smile makeover was made possible by free labour from the dentists and DLA Laboratories, and a \$4,000 donation from the Bowmanville Rotary Club, which helped cover the cost of parts.

Bishara, who is a Rotary member, says he hopes Bunt's story will inspire local residents to support the club by becoming members, attending fundraising events like Bowmanville's Rockin' Rotary Ribs and Brews, or making a donation.

The local dentists are planning to hold their next free dental day sometime in May.

They are usually able to treat about 50 patients, providing the choice of a cleaning, filling or extraction at no cost.

A candidate for this year's complete smile makeover will also be chosen in the coming months.

Follow West Bowmanville Dental or Margolian Dentistry on Facebook for updates on the next free dental day, and visit www.funditclarington.com to make a donation to the Rotary Club of Bowmanville.

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Whitby Courthouse Theatre presents...

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT Me

BY KATHERINE DISAVINO

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Things My Mother Taught Me is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York.

Can Gabe and Olivia who have just moved in to their first apartment together more than 500 miles away from home make it on their own? Complications arise when both sets of parents show up on their move-in day to help, and advice, love, and laughter abounds. Things My Mother Taught Me has played to rave reviews across North America, and now you have the chance to see this light-hearted romantic comedy right here in Whitby. Performed by a stellar cast of WCT comic actors this show caps off one of WCT's best seasons yet!



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