



## HEALING SPA

*Stacey LeClair shares her journey*

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Stacey LeClair thought she had life figured out in her early 20s: two little girls, a husband, a career in the mortgage business. As sometimes happens, though, life turned upside down. She ended up nearly dying from a severe thyroid condition. By age 27, she was a widower with two young girls. During her healing, she found spas.

"The spa is a healing place to go to take care of yourself," explains LeClair.

Finally a survivor, LeClair wanted to offer others the kindness, compassion and healing she had received. After receiving her esthetician's license, she started New Serenity Spa in 2008. The signature Serenity and Miracle Facial became so popular that LeClair expanded to seven rooms in September 2013, now offering facials, massages, and transformational life coaching. The hallmark at New Serenity is the focus on the client.

"People say they feel the positive energy when they walk in," she says.

LeClair is quick to give credit for her success to an amazing staff. "It wasn't a journey I embarked on alone."

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**What has been your biggest motivator?** When you're on the precipice of success, you question if you're deserving. I try to remember my favorite quote: "Let your light shine so bright that those in darkness can see their way out of the darkness." **What do you do for fun?** I go to the spa. I also love photography—it keeps me grounded. Family time is important. I love Vanity Blowout Bar—it's my go-to place when I want to take care of myself. **What is one of your favorite things at New Serenity Spa?** Life coaching is one of the most enriching experiences. You can see the hope come back into people." **Was the expansion exciting?** That was the hardest year of my life. Faith got me through it. Being responsible for more than 20 employees is a humbling experience. But, I'm ready to expand [again], so look for an additional New Serenity Spa in 2015."