"I Lost 125 Lbs!"

Tracie Creasy *discovered the number-one secret to lasting weight loss: a workout she loves.*

As told to Shaun Chavis

MY WAKE-UP call? The day I real-

ized I was one size away from the largest clothes that Lane Bryant sells. I couldn't help but think, *If I get any bigger, what am I going to fit into*?

That was August 2006. I cut out soda immediately, but it wasn't until that November that I got the nerve to step on a scale (after years of ignoring my weight)—I was 293 pounds. I knew I needed to do something drastic, so I signed up for every water-aerobics class offered at my gym. As for my diet, I decided to just do two things: shrink my portions and cut out fast food.

Soon, I started to feel better (no more achy knees!), so I began walking, cycling, and lifting weights. By July 2008, I had dropped 125 pounds. When I started losing, my goal was just to feel better. Now, I feel like I can really *live*!

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Timeline to Slim

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293 lbs	273 lbs	216 lbs	199 lbs	168 lbs
Nov. 2006 Started with water aerobics	Dec. 2006 Lost 20 pounds and one dress size in six weeks. Yay!	Sept. 2007 Walked my first 5K	Dec. 2007 There was a 1 on the scale—a 1!	July 2008-now Total weight loss: 125 lbs
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Vinton, Virginia

Tracie Creasy, 30

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Sizes 8-10

BEFORE: 293 lbs Sizes 24-26

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