

NO EXCUSES

Christina Perry has been hit with more than her fair share of life's problems, but for her, it's never been a reason to give up.



On the day after the Super Bowl in 2004, Christina Perry walked into her living room and handed her husband, Todd, a small white piece of plastic. Todd was going through dialysis to treat a kidney illness, but he knew it was Christina who'd been feeling strange that day.

After looking at the plastic, Todd turned to his wife and asked, "So what's this mean?" referring to a small blue line that appeared on the end of the stick.

"Well, at least I know why I was feeling weird," she replied. Christina Perry was pregnant at 40.

The pregnancy was a much-needed blessing for the Perrys, following a rapid-fire of difficult events. Just months after they married

the previous year, Todd began undergoing dialysis for kidney disease, making it difficult for the couple to conceive. "I had actually given up," Christina remembers. "I did my two months of crying just thinking it wasn't going to happen."

But with the new baby on the way, she knew it would be much different than her pregnancy with daughter Alexandra 11 years earlier. "We were ecstatic," she explains, "but Todd was sick." Just a few months into Christina's pregnancy, Todd received a donated kidney from his sister, Jill, but his body had difficulty accepting the transplant. "He'd try to get back to work, but would just end up going back to the hospital." In addition to her husband's illness, their son Christopher from Todd's

earlier marriage has Asperger's syndrome, a mild form of autism. Christina was responsible for managing the family's financial situation and caring for her husband and family, all while dealing with the fatigue and risk of having a baby at the age of 40. "It was very stressful, as you could imagine," she says.

Christina continued to work as a sales and marketing executive, but also operated a home business with Nexagen, a direct sales company with a unique weight loss product. She quickly found that their home business opportunity allowed her to provide her family with an additional \$50,000 a year—and that was only part-time.

Christina got involved with Nexagen before she became pregnant, initially losing 18 pounds with their Jen Fe Patch. All she had to do was mention the patch's unique and easy-to-use design, and people immediately wanted to try it. Having such an easy product to share made home business simple for someone as busy as Christina.

"It's not a pill, it's not a shake—it's unique and different," she explains. In fact, Nexagen's Jen Fe and Power Patches contain a patented ingredient called Forslean, which is slowly absorbed by the skin to naturally stimulate the body's metabolism.

Even when Christina temporarily stopped using the patch during her high-risk pregnancy, she found that her enthusiasm for the product was well-met by clients' interest, making it easy for her to keep the business running alongside her rigid corporate job and important family responsibilities. "Just think, 8 out of 10 people want to lose weight, and ours is the only patch out there with a patented ingredient," Christina says. "Most people ask *me* about it."



THE PERRY BOYS:
Todd with sons
Christopher and Parker

In September 2004, Christina gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Parker...but also had 40 pounds of post-baby weight to prove it. "I was pretty scared I wasn't going to be able to lose it," she says. But two weeks after delivery, Christina got an OK from her doctor to start wearing the Power Patch, and within five months was able to lose all 40 pounds.

Within a few months, she realized Nexagen gave her all she could ask for in a career: time, flexibility, and a lifestyle she could share with others. "I sat down with Todd and said to him, 'I'm working 14-hour days as a VP in the corporate world, and am still pulling in \$50,000 a year with the weight-loss patch. If I've done this part-time, imagine what I could do with it full-time.'"

Todd had a background in accounting and was inherently hesitant about a nontraditional career, but trusted his wife and the company that had supported them in hard times. "He told me, 'If there's any company I'm comfortable with, it's the professionalism and the product with Nexagen,'" Christina remembers. "If you look at direct sales companies," she explains, "they may have a good product, they may have a good compensation plan, but very seldom do you find a company that has both. Nexagen has both."

Leaving the corporate world behind paid off for Christina, both financially and



BABY FAT: Christina lost 40 pounds after giving birth to Parker in just five months.

A PROUD MOM: With daughter, Alexandra.



personally. Since making the move to her home business full-time in November of 2005, she has quickly risen through the ranks to become the fourth-highest recruiter in the company. More importantly, however, has been the support she has been able to show her family throughout the entire process. "I was a single mom for seven-and-a-half years," she says, referring to when Alexandra was a baby. "She was in daycare...you get six weeks maternity. I didn't want to have to do that with Parker. He had both of his parents at home; I wish I could have done that before," she says.

Now that Todd is back to work full-time, Christina has chosen to continue her home business. She can take off for weeks during the holidays for family, and has been able to pursue an interest in holiday decorating. "Don't get me wrong," she says, "I'm still a professional. But I have fun. And the more fun I have, the more money I make." After all, the more people she meets, the more she can share the incredible opportunity that made surviving the past few years possible for her and her family.

"It doesn't matter who you are or what you do, but it's up to you," she says. "I can't make you do anything. I've been hit with a lot of swings, but if you are able to take that and learn how to embrace it, you're so much better as a person." ■

Christina knows life can be hard at times—that's why she's dedicated to sharing the Nexagen opportunity with others. "We're going to build a relationship," she says, "and you're going to know that Christina is going to help...not everybody gets that in this business." To learn more, call XXX.XXX.XXXX or visit (website).