

Teenage victim of online bullying resorted to plastic surgery to silence teasing

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As a child model, she appeared on the cover of magazines and in catalogues.

So the last thing Nicolette Taylor's parents expected was that she would be bullied for her looks at school - so much so, that they agreed to pay for plastic surgery.

The pretty 13-year-old from Long Island, New York, broke her nose twice - once when she was a toddler and again when she was eight.



Bullied: Nicolette said she did not mind being teased at school about her nose but it was when it started on Facebook that she grew upset over it



Mother: Maria Taylor initially told her daughter that she could have a nose job when she was 18 but changed her mind when she saw how upset the online bullying made her



Child model: Nicolette appeared on the cover of magazines and in catalogues when she was a toddler but after breaking her nose twice it became crooked

It wasn't until she started the seventh grade that her broken and crooked nose became a problem for her, when her classmates started bullying her both online and in person about her 'big nose'.

Though her mother Maria Taylor initially said she would have to wait until she was 18 for plastic surgery, she changed her mind when she saw her 'tough' daughter crying because of the online bullying.

She told ABC's nightline: 'They went on Facebook, and they started posting, "Hey big nose".'

'It happened probably about five times that week. ... I came in when she was on the phone with the boy, and I took the phone from her, and I said, "Listen, you need to take them off Facebook". I was crazy, crazy.'



Post op: Nicolette's family were there when she woke from the operation. In just one week, she would have a new nose



End result: Nicolette was so happy with the results she cried when she saw her new nose saying it was 'so pretty'



Before and after: This side profile shows the results of the rhinoplasty 13-year-old Nicolette received

'I was like, "If this is really hurting her like this, then she has to be feeling insecure and horrible about herself". That made me pick up the phone and make an appointment for a consultation.'

Nicolette, who loves hip hop dancing and has always been popular and active, said she could not believe how Facebook increased the teasing.

She said: 'Everyone could see it. All my friends could see it, all my new friends, and I didn't want them saying things. Because gossip goes around, and it really hurts.'



Surgeon: Dr Sam Rizk said though Nicolette was his youngest rhinoplasty patient, a quarter of the nose jobs he performs are on teens



New nose, new life: Nicolette moved to a new school and even made the cheerleading squad

Nicolette is the youngest patient Dr Sam Rizk - a surgeon in Manhattan - has performed a rhinoplasty on. A quarter of his nose jobs are performed on teens.

When the 13-year-old saw her new nose, she cried from happiness and said it looked 'so pretty'.

Since then she has started a new school and is on the cheerleading squad. She said that though bullying might happen again, she doesn't care as she feels better about her appearance.

