

Summit Dental

Calm and Comfortable Dental Care

By Brenda Gracely

Dr. Amy Trujillo, DDS, and her team at Summit Dental have been working together for 21 years. “We are just like a family here,” Dr. Trujillo says. “Joining my practice are my dental assistant, Chauna Cook; my hygienist, Debbie Finney; and my part-time hygienist, Gina Ekstrom. My patients are greeted by Penny Baxter, our ever-efficient and personable

office manager, who keeps the office running smoothly.” Beyond regular preventive dental services, Dr. Trujillo’s practice offers periodontal therapy, restorative dentistry, implants, night guards, root canals, and extractions. She has recently introduced the QuickPro whitening system, which needs just 30 minutes to create a whiter, brighter smile.

Dr. Trujillo understands that some people are apprehensive about going to the dentist. “In my 21 years of working in the dental field,” Dr. Trujillo says, “I have heard many stories from my patients who have had to fight ongoing dental phobia due to unpleasant childhood dental experiences. We strive to create a calm and comfortable atmosphere here, helping children and adults alike to overcome their fears about seeing a

dentist.” Dr. Trujillo offers nitrous oxide for patients who are very apprehensive about their dental procedures.

Pediatric dentistry is also offered at Summit Dental. “We like to begin seeing children around the age of three,” explains Dr. Trujillo, “to help them feel comfortable about visiting the dentist and—hopefully—to establish a routine of seeing a dentist yearly throughout their lifetime.” There’s a real benefit to staying with the same dentist from childhood on, Dr. Trujillo continues. “Many of our pediatric patients grow up and continue to be our patients. Monitoring their growth and dental health from the very beginning can help us



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determine and assist with the possibility of future orthodontia work, if necessary."

Debbie feels blessed to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Trujillo. "Amy has become a very special person in my life. I don't know that I have ever met a more calm, caring, and compassionate person," Debbie says. "Amy goes above and beyond for her patients and employees, and it is a delight to come to work here." Debbie credits Dr. Trujillo's personality and attitude with creating the comfortable, family atmosphere at Summit Dental.

Part of the dental hygienist's job, Debbie explains, is educating patients about what good dental care entails. "Many patients are amazed, for example, when we explain that they have developed gum disease because of improper dental care," she shares. "Research has shown that poor dental health can cause the body to be unhealthy in many other ways. As dentists and hygienists, we are treating the whole body, taking care of the whole person."

Chauna and Dr. Trujillo have been working side by side for the past 13 years and have known each other even longer than that. "I have nothing but great things to say about Amy," Chauna shares. "She is just an amazing person and a great boss." Penny agrees. "There couldn't be a better place to work," she says. "Dr. Trujillo and my coworkers are just great, and so are our wonderful patients. It feels like a family."

Longtime patient Dan Taylor was pleased to talk about his

experience with Dr. Trujillo and her staff. "Because of the trauma that I experienced as a youth at the hands of an unethical dentist," Dan explains, "I was extremely reluctant to visit any dentist, even just for a cleaning. As an adult, I forced myself to go to the dentist twice a year, but each time with great anguish. For decades, I would literally lose sleep for days when I had a dental appointment on the horizon."

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All of that changed when he started seeing Dr. Trujillo. "I would travel to the ends of the earth to see Dr. Trujillo," Dan raves. "She is the only dentist that asked about my dental history, listened, and cared. Taking into account my previous dental experience, she has been conscientious and considerate when caring for me as a person and a patient. For 15 years, she and her staff have not only cared about my oral health but have journeyed with me during some personal tragedies. Dr. Trujillo isn't just a great dentist; she is a compassionate and loving person who cares very much about her

patients. Now I look forward to my bi-annual visits to her office; it's like visiting with friends. I'm truly grateful to Dr. Trujillo and her staff. They are awesome!"

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