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*Leading Women
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Dr. Heather Darcey *Visit Designer Smiles for a Smile as Unique as You Are!*

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Summer is the perfect time to schedule all those dental appointments—from routine cleanings and exams to cosmetic and restorative procedures—that haven't managed to make it onto the busy family calendar. And Designer Smiles, a general and cosmetic dental practice located in Webster, is ready to make your dental experience as pleasant and easy as a warm summer day. Dr. Heather Darcey recently joined the staff and began seeing patients last month.

Dr. Darcey joins Drs. Ann Fishel and Marcus Haggard, (Dr. Fishel's father and partner) in this reputable practice. As the practice founder and on-site mentor, Dr. Haggard has passed on his commitment to focusing on high-quality dental work. "Since he's been practicing since 1968, I have actually seen patients whom he worked on 30 years ago, and their dental work still looks great," said Dr. Fishel. "It has truly stood the test of time."

THE DESIGNER SMILES DIFFERENCE

There are many things—big and small—that patients appreciate about Designer Smiles. For one thing, patients never wait long. "We are really not concerned with seeing a large volume of patients each day," said Dr. Fishel. To that end, the dentists do not schedule patients in bulk or schedule multiple patients for one time slot. A full hour is set aside for each preventive care appointment. "Your time is as valuable as ours," said Dr. Fishel.

With more than three decades of expertise within the Designer Smiles practice, the staff has had plenty of time to perfect the patient experience. Patients can be certain that every visit to the office will be a comfortable one. From televisions in each treatment room to a refrigerator stocked with soft drinks and Designer Smile water bottles in the living room-like waiting area, patients feel at home and welcomed when they walk through the doors at Designer Smiles. "We treat our patients like they are family. We know each of them by name and strive to make them feel special and cared for at every visit," said Dr. Fishel.



Designer Smiles also stays current on the latest technologies that enhance patient comfort and improve patient care. From digital radiography, including a panoramic imaging machine, to the latest in teeth whitening and dental lasers, the dentists on staff at Designer Smiles are committed to offering their patients the best of the best. Together, they take close to 300 continuing education hours each year—a number that far exceeds the state-mandated 12 hours. “We complement each other very well professionally,” said Dr. Fishel. Dr. Haggard’s vast experience blends well with Dr. Fishel’s interest in cutting-edge treatments and Dr. Darcey’s passion for oral health and education.



MEET DR. DARCEY

Dr. Heather Darcey grew up in the area and earned her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry. “I knew from the time I was a little girl that I wanted to be a dentist,” she said. “After college and A&M, I worked as a dental assistant for a few years before going to dental school.”

While attending dental school, Dr. Darcey was a mentor to high school students interested in dentistry. She also conducted research in the field of craniofacial growth and development. Dr. Darcey was on the dean’s list for all four years of dental school and was recognized by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists as an outstanding student. She lives in Friendswood and has been in the dental field for more than 10 years. She is a certified Invisalign provider and can provide a broad range of dental procedures, including cosmetics on patients of all ages. Dr. Darcey is passionate about children’s oral health and education.


“I think this is the best job in the world,” she said. “And this is such a great practice with a very well-trained staff. I look forward to building the practice together.”



GIVE BACK A SMILE

The team at Designer Smiles is so excited to be involved with “Give Back a Smile,” a program sponsored by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. The program provides a free full-mouth restoration (anything from teeth-whitening, restoration work and dental implants to porcelain veneers) to women who have suffered domestic violence.

“When I learned about the program through our membership in AACD, I signed up right away to be involved,” said Dr. Fishel. “I couldn’t wait to be a part of helping someone smile who has been through such a rough time. We are very excited to have just received our first patient.”

Readers who are interested in nominating someone to become a candidate for the “Give Back a Smile” program can learn more about it on the Web site for the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry at www.aacd.com 

Why not call Designer Smiles today? From general dentistry to the very latest in cosmetic dentistry offerings, Designer Smiles can have you looking and feeling your best in no time!

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