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Beloved by her patients and known throughout the Rockwall/Rowlett community, Dr. Karen Williamson is celebrating a landmark year. Hailing 25 years in the practice of dentistry, Dr. Williamson appreciates each and every one of her patients, all of whom contributed to her successful dental career.

"It's been quite the journey," Dr. Williamson says. She's spent the time going from treating and maintaining her original patients of 25 years to treating their children and grandchildren. She plans to celebrate the milestone this coming year with her patients, which will probably include a party with her patients and dental team.

TREATING PATIENTS LIKE FAMILY

Taking care of others comes naturally for Dr. Williamson. From her employees and patients to her family, she answers the call of duty. "One of the most important things you can do is listen to your patients," she says. When a patient asks questions about a particular procedure, "I think about what I would want for one of my family members. I give my patients the freedom to ask about the pros and cons of any treatment they are considering."

Patients appreciate her looking outside the box for answers about specific procedures. "One of my patients inquired about the Chao Pinhole Surgical Technique for correcting receding gums as an alternative to gum grafting," she says. "If I do not specialize in a particular procedure, I take the required courses so I can proficiently serve their needs," she says. "I became certified in this technique, taught by Dr. John Chau in Alhambra, California. I grew and developed as a doctor because of this particular patient. She trusted me implicitly and we are thrilled with the results."

EXTENSIVE PREPARATION

"We really prepare for our patients," Dr. Williamson says. Their charts are reviewed two days before, as well as the morning of, their appointments. "It is important to us that we know our



patients medically and dentally, but most importantly, to know them as family. 'Never treat a stranger' is a good motto." After their appointment has ended, Dr. Williamson enjoys asking each patient about their plans for the rest of the day. She wants to know about their activities, heartbreaks, and celebrations.

Staff birthdays are a special occasion at her dental practice. "I love to bake cakes and pies," she says. "I've always made birthday cakes and bake one for each employee at the office. They get to choose their flavor, but the rest is a surprise."

Family time is a big part of Dr. Williamson's life. She and her husband, Bruce, and their four children, have an interesting hobby they enjoy on the weekends. "We like to visit county courthouses in Texas," she says. What started as a fun adventure with her husband before

they were married has turned into a family quest. "We have a big poster on the wall and enjoy checking off the courthouses and towns we've visited," she says. "We love finding that quaint little eatery or charming store in each little Texas town we visit." She brings her recommendations back and shares them with her patients.

An active member of her church congregation, Dr. Williamson loves to sing in the choir at First Baptist Church in Rockwall. She is an active member of the Rockwall County Dental Society, Crown Council, American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, American Academy of Implant Dentistry, the Dallas Dental Study Club, and the American Dental Association.

"It's not always just about their dental health. It's about the patients and their quality of life," she says. "I learn so much

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from them." They share their family vacations and favorite destinations with her and the staff. "It's the best part of my practice in this Rockwall/Rowlett community. Hearing about their vacations, what their kids are doing, and how their dentistry needs relate

to their individual lifestyles is what we enjoy and love," Dr. Williamson says. "It's the lives behind the teeth that make us strive for excellence in what we do. Behind that smile is a patient with a whole history and story. It's my privilege and pleasure to discover it."

"I feel very blessed to have Dr. Williamson and her staff as my dentist. I have total trust in all of them. Dr. Williamson met with me prior to my procedure to ensure my questions were answered and that I was comfortable. She was also available after my procedure to answer any questions. I am very, very pleased with the outcome of all my treatment." - T.K.

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