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**Popular dentist uses laughter  
and understanding to care for  
patients.**

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**W**alk in to Dr. Veda Afsahi's dental office and instead of hearing the dreadful sound of a dental drill, you'll hear peals of laughter coming from the treatment rooms.

"She has the best sense of humor," explained office manager Dayna Souders. Besides, it helps put the patients at ease, she said.

Dr. Afsahi—actually, we're going to call her "Dr. Veda" since that's what she goes by—moved to Fountain Valley nine years ago from the city of Orange, where she'd been in dentistry for 12 years.

When she bought an existing dental practice from Dr. Danielle Shelton on Slater Avenue, Dr. Veda said she didn't even know where Fountain Valley was.

But The Nice Place turned out to be a pleasant surprise for her. "It's a hidden treasure," Dr. Veda said. "It's a pocket of nice, community-oriented people. Everyone knows each other. I call Fountain Valley 'Mayberry.'"

Dr. Veda and her husband, Tony,



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Dr. Veda Afsahi—just "Dr. Veda" for short—runs a family-friendly dental practice on Slater Avenue. When she bought her dental practice nine years ago in Fountain Valley, she was pleasantly surprised at the strong sense of community here. "I love the families. It was a blessing (to move here)."

have 10- and 12-year-old girls, and for them, family comes first. Dr. Veda says she fully understands how hectic family life can be. So her office makes it easy to bring in the entire family—parents and the kids—for all their dental appointments at the same time.

"And I understand people have fears when it comes to seeing a dentist," Dr. Veda says. "I'm very sensitive to that. Fear is very real. I also know how scared parents can be when their kids need treatment."

Dr. Veda said many people are concerned about what their dental work will cost, sometimes keeping them from seeking help. But if folks come in and let

Dr. Veda take a look, it usually turns out to be not as bad as they anticipated.

Dr. Veda currently serves more than 800 families. She offers children's dentistry, and for the adults, she offers general and cosmetic dentistry, teeth whitening, crowns and veneers, and clear retainers for minor teeth movement. Her office accepts PPO insurances.

By the way, next time you see Dr. Veda toting around town in her orange convertible VW bug, be sure to wave and say hello.

Dr. Veda Afsahi's dental office is at 10533 Slater Ave., at Ward Street (near 7-Eleven). (714) 964-2970.

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