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# Family, love of community inspire Patel to give back

**NAME:** Dr. Sandeep V. Patel

**AGE:** 35

**OCCUPATION:** Owns a dental practice, Sandeep V. Patel, D.D.S., P.A., in Daytona Beach; also serves as the only general dentist on staff at Halifax Health

**PAST JOBS:** A Daytona Beach native, Patel received his doctorate of dental surgery degree from New York University and then did a general practice residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Jacobi Medical Center and completed his advanced dentistry training from renowned implantologist Dr. A.K. Garg. He returned to Daytona Beach in 2011 and opened his private practice that same year.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** President, Volusia-Flagler County Dental Association; member, Daytona State College dental advisory board; participates in "Give Kids a Smile" program; donates dental work to Halifax Urban Ministries and Operation Changing Lives; participates in the Adopt-a-Highway program.

**WHAT MAKES HIM TICK:** "I'm motivated because I truly love my profession," says Patel. "I don't just treat teeth, I treat human beings. ... I'm motivated to be the best professionally



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by my family. My wife (Dr. Sapna Adappa) is also a dentist and together we are always learning more about our profession and going over complex cases. ... My father and older brother are kidney doctors in town, watching their hard work and dedication pay off inspires me to be the best at what I do. My parents were born in Nairobi, Kenya, and came to this country with very little money. My dad's professional success provided every opportunity for my brother and I to succeed. I'm motivated to be able to do the same for my twin boys. As far as what motivates me to continue my volunteer commitments and donated care, I find it very rewarding. I've been

blessed with success in life and I attribute that to helping hands along the way. I feel it necessary and important for me to pay that back."

**FUN FACT:** Says Patel: "My wife and I survived a hot-air balloon crash landing in the Masai Mara, Kenya. We crashed within a 100 yards of a pack of lions."

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** "Dr. Patel is a highly skilled dentist and could have practiced anywhere but chose to return home to Daytona Beach," says Kathy Shaver. "He owes a lot of his success to the schools he attended. He still supports his high school Seabreeze tennis and football teams. He enjoys mentoring pre-dental students."