Thank you

Thank you for the tremendous support you show for our office by your referrals of friends and family. The Angie’s List reports are very important to us — thank you for taking the time to fill them out. We are very appreciative of your consideration for our office as shown by your referrals!

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Creating a Beautiful Smile

In combining the disciplines of both art and science, cosmetic dentistry takes into consideration many factors to help ensure successful results.

Possessing a “good eye” for the intangibles is very important. Other important considerations include: the structure and shape of your face; the color of your complexion, eyes and hair; the size, shape, and color of your teeth.

Our office has over 25 years of experience and success with complex, challenging, and ultimately, very gratifying cases. We strive to help each patient attain not only optimal dental health, but also the confidence that comes from having a great smile.

Our first step in creating your beautiful smile is to listen to your questions and concerns. Only then can we achieve the special result that is right for you. Call our office for a cosmetic consultation, or bring your questions at your next scheduled appointment. Our goal is to help you have the beautiful smile you deserve!

Our patients show off their beautiful smiles.
Our friend, Charles Weinstein, always has the latest info on current movies and restaurants. Charles and his son, Jim, owned the Hallmark Store in the Brookside Building.

Brian Burnes is an author and a reporter for the Kansas City Star. Brian’s recent book is The Kings of Cut-Rate: The Katz Drugs Story. This is a great read and is full of Kansas City history. There is a Brookside tie-in: the CVS store across the street from our office was a Katz store for many years. It had the requisite great soda fountain with stools—just the spot to get your milk shake.

Our patient John Ciupak was wearing his Brookside Art Annual apparel this spring at the office. Behind John is our display of posters from art shows over the last 10 years.

Our office sponsors one of the awards for the best artists.

Our sponsorship this year was for the Wood Category, which was won by artist Thomas Dumke.

Fritz was not concerned about parking issues—this might not work for all of us.

Becky, Donna and Patty share a smile with Emma, who was here for her first visit to our office.

Cherie Powell, and her husband Bill, brought us a poster (circa 1932) promoting oral health—great graphics! And, if you use your imagination, the words have a little rap beat.

Four-year-old India selects her toothbrush (Winnie-the-Pooh) after her cleaning appointment with Patty.
A recent Wall Street Journal article (July 2, 2013) presents a possible alternative to endodontic (root canal) therapy. Researchers are studying the concept of harvesting dental stem cells from wisdom teeth, other types of adult teeth, or baby teeth. These cells would be placed into a tooth with an infected pulp or nerve, and a new vital nerve would regenerate. The hope with pulp regeneration is to improve the health of the tooth while minimizing the discomfort often associated with current treatment like a root canal. Human testing may begin in 2015; actual application of these procedures may be 5 to 10 years away.

Dr. Rena D’Souza of Baylor University is one of the main researchers. She states that none of the advanced techniques being studied will negate the need for simple hygiene. Brushing and flossing are always important, and not just for oral health. “If you have a healthy mouth, it’s indicative of a healthy body and vice versa,” Dr. D’Souza says.

St. Patrick’s Parade 2013

We had a great turnover of family and friends for our entry this year—including Dr. Hodge’s dog, Charlie. Becky’s daughter, Maggie, rode with Deborah in our flagship vehicle!
Sisters Haley and Sydney hold our most recent Super Achievement Award from Angie’s List! We thank all of you for your great reports about our office that made this second consecutive award possible.