



Dr Lisa Marie Samaha, center, is pictured with patients Terry Cane, seated at left with framed certificate, and Michael Boyd, seated at right, along with her staff and the patients' family members.

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Virginia dentist gives two patients brand new smiles

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NEW YORK, NY, USA: When Dr Lisa Marie Samaha of Port Warwick Dental Arts in Newport News, VA, USA, decided to hold a Smile Makeover Contest, she intended to award one patient with free care. But after reviewing the applications she decided to present two awards, not one.

The practice received many compelling stories, and two exceptional individuals stood out. As a result, Michael Boyd of Hampton, VA, USA, and Terry Cane of Williamsburg, VA, USA, were selected to receive life-enhancing and life-saving dental treatment that began in October.

"It was such a heartwarming presentation, for all of us," said Abby Sharpe, who works in Samaha's practice. "You could really tell the impact it had on our winners. They are both so deserving. They will both be undergoing tens of thousands of dollars in treatment over the next month or so and are just so excited and appreciative."

Dr Samaha and her team had specific criteria for the contest winners. When reviewing the candidates, they considered whether the individuals had life-threatening levels of dental disease, or if they had damage severe enough to keep them from sharing a smile with others. They considered the candidates' personal economic circumstances. They also took into consideration whether the candidates had devoted their lives to helping others.

Dr Samaha, founder of Port Warwick Dental Arts, prides herself on offering compassionate care resulting in beautiful smiles. She provides a wide range of esthetic, reconstructive, surgical and comprehensive dental care. Her practice offers a non-surgical program for periodontal disease treatment that highlights nutrition, specialized testing and state-of-the-art laser therapy.

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