ClearChoice Dental Opens First Implant Center In The Villages

The new office opened earlier this month at 560 Fieldcrest Drive in Southern Trace Professional Plaza.

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Staff stand inside the new ClearChoice Dental Implant Center at Southern Trace Professional Plaza. The location had a grand opening on Jan. 14.



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Dr. Elhaine Beato serves as the lead prosthodontist at ClearChoice Dental Implant Center in The Villages.

ClearChoice Dental Implant Centers is more than just a dentist office.

The company, which opened a new location this month at 560 Fieldcrest Drive in Southern Trace Professional Plaza, offers full mouth implants, implant dentures, single tooth implants, implant supported bridges and oral surgery.

"I always tell my patients when I'm meeting them for the first time in the consultation that this journey doesn't end when I give them their final teeth," said Dr. Elhaine Beato, lead prosthodontist at ClearChoice Dental Implant Center in The Villages. "We're going to see each other every year because maintenance is very important to keep the health of the implant."

The new center is the first ClearChoice to open in The Villages and the 11th to open in Florida.

The space has five treatment rooms, three surgical suites and three recovery rooms with nine people on staff. It also features a 3D print room where all implants and dentures are made.

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The center also is home to other technologies to make a patient's visit the best possible, including intraoral scanners to take digital impressions.

"I want everyone to feel like they are at home and peaceful," Beato said. "I feel like the technology nowadays allows me to do that."

Beato said she has wanted to work in the dental field since she was a kid.

Her aunt used to practice in the Dominican Republic, and Beato would help pass and clean instruments and organize them as early as 12.

"That's kind of what got me into loving dentistry," she said.

Beato went to dental school in the Dominican Republic before she and her family moved to the United States. She received her dental degree from the University of Washington in Seattle in 2021 then went to the University of Florida in Gainesville for her master's and a certification in prosthodontics in 2024.

After graduating, Beato began working for ClearChoice in Maitland and at other centers in Fort Lauderdale, Aventura and Fort Myers.

When The Villages ClearChoice was preparing to open, Beato knew she wanted to work here.

"This location made sense for me because I went to UF and I know the community," she said. "Most of my patients are from here, and it's such a vibrant, growing community. Everyone is outgoing. ... I'm really having fun."

And business is going well at ClearChoice.

The location officially opened Jan. 14, and in the first 10 days staff has seen more than 30 patients and appointments are booked a few weeks out.

"I feel, as a company, that patients benefit from the service (ClearChoice) brings," Beato said. "Once you get under the ClearChoice umbrella, ClearChoice will be with you forever. That's what keeps me here. As a prosthodontist, you can open up your own practice, but being here allows me to really focus on my patients and what they really need."

In addition to ClearChoice, more health-related facilities are opening in The Villages.

Earlier this month, a new The Villages Health location opened in Eastport, The Villages' newest downtown area. The Villages Health Eastport Care Center joins The Villages Health's seven other primary care centers and two specialty care centers.

Advanced Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery is opening a new office next month at the Center for Advanced Healthcare at Brownwood.

The Advanced Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery offices in Lake Sumter Landing and Brownwood will close before then and combine in the new space at the center. The space will offer medical and cosmetic dermatology, skin care diagnosis and treatment, cosmetic procedures and more.

Construction still is underway for the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital near Meggison Road and Warm Springs Avenue, with a projected opening date later this year.

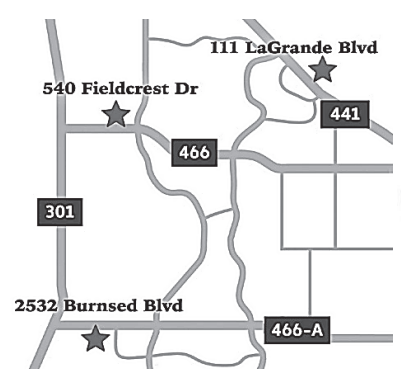
The inpatient rehabilitation hospital will serve patients with neurological disorders, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations and complex orthopedic conditions and more. The space will have 24-hour nursing care and offer physical, occupational and speech therapies.

VIPcare, which currently has a location in Fenney Professional Plaza, is set to open a new primary care center in La Plaza Grande.

And also this year, The Villages Public Safety Department is partnering with UF Health on a new mobile stroke unit that is expected to arrive this summer. The specialized ambulance will be equipped to speed diagnosis and treatment of stroke to save lives and limit long-term effects.

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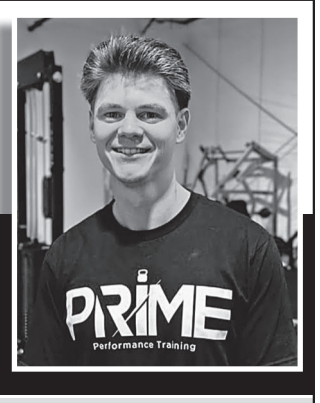
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