

Exploring Asylum Hill: Franklin Foundation

After 10 years of dental practice at Community Health Services, Dr. James Franklin found his way to Asylum Hill when an available space on Gillett St prompted him to open his own dental practice. That was more than 15 years ago. After 8 years there, he took the next step and in February of '08 he purchased the old Victorian home/Office on the corner of Collins and Atwood St, which was to become the home of Franklin Family Dentistry. The next 9 months were complicated both by dealing with difficult contractors, but more especially by recovering from a stroke that he had suffered in March. Finally in January 2009 he was able to return to his practice with both his health and his new office having survived the ordeal. As a patient he continues to receive therapy to mitigate the effects of the stroke, and the Franklin Foundation is the plan to expand into health services beyond dentistry to include a broad range of therapies.



The practice has prospered, some years more than others, with a lot of hard work and dedication led by Dr. Franklin and with the help of his wife Michelle Muhammed, and five of his six children. This is truly Family Dentistry in a different sense, but it is also family dentistry as Dr. Franklin describes it because children who first came to him are now the parents of some of his younger patients.

Originally from a small town outside of Montgomery Alabama, he often dreams of retiring there, but for now he's planning the next remodeling project, to make this great old house work just a little bit better as the home of Franklin Family Dentistry.

Dr. Franklin practices most all types of general Dentistry, and he is available for appointments by calling (860)728-5503