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Dr. Sahib Mawashi and his wife Kifah in front of Mawashi's new Family Dentistry clinic in Owen Sound on Wednesday. Mawashi built the new clinic using the services of local tradespeople.

## City dentist opens new clinic built by local tradespeople

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Dr. Sahib Mawashi is delighted.

Not only because construction is now finished on his new dental clinic on 9th Ave. E., but also because it was built exclusively by local tradespeople, which was his goal from the start.

"I wanted to give back to the community by using only local people," he said Wednesday in an interview.

"This is a great community. I have lived here 12 years. I raised my three kids in town."

A grand opening and open house is scheduled for Friday,

with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Mawashi, who has about 3,000 patients and employs five people, has worked from the basement level of the Owen Sound Medical Arts building on Alpha St. for 12 years. He was seeing a few patients at the new office for the first time Wednesday.

"I always dreamt of having a nice, modern dental office," he said.

Construction of the 3,000-square-foot building began in mid-May. It was built on a lot that has been empty for many years.

Mawashi's 1,250 square foot dental clinic is on one side. A

second unit is for lease on the other.

The modern clinic was designed by architects from Montreal-based Patterson Dental.

Landmark Builders of Hanover was contractor for the project. Benedict Electrical Contracting Ltd. of Owen Sound, Shouldice Designer Stone of Shallow Lake, Gamsby & Mannerow Engineers of Owen Sound, carpenter Dan Spitzig of Mildmay, Miller Paving Ltd. and Owen Sound Glass Service were among the companies that worked on the building. Local material was also used.