

cate the community about," she says. "We create opportunities to talk about it. We're being asked to come into planning bodies."

That the Women's Center is succeeding is due to the devotion of a large group of dedicated staff and volunteers — and to a leader who talks straight and wears an untiring smile.

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## She'd Like to See More of You

**D**r. Shakila Ahmed is a physician who'd like to see more of her patients. The Dr. is a diagnostic radiologist, working with cutting-edge technology in nuclear medicine, with cat scans and ultrasound. Her business is looking right into her patients to find the source of their problems.

Unlike therapeutic radiologists, Dr. Ahmed does no treatment. Until recently, she explained, radiology was one discipline which used the radiology equipment both to find problems and to give treatment. Now physicians may select either diagnosis or therapy as a further specialty.

To refine her practice, Dr. Ahmed spent the last year at Loma Linda Medical Center in Palo Alto, California, doing a fellowship in radiology—six months studying cat scan, six months studying ultrasound. During that time, she was part of the team that performed the now-famous Baby Fay/baboon heart transplant.

In contrast to the outside controversy spawned by the transplant, Dr. Ahmed says that the Loma Linda physicians were very pleased to have a chance to extend the child's life. "Her heart was deformed when she was born," the Dr. says, "and there was no hope for her to live. At least, the transplant gave her a fighting chance. The transplant wasn't the cause of her death. It was the rejection medication."

Dr. Ahmed is particularly sensitive to the needs of children, having three of her own who stayed in Fort Worth with her psychiatrist husband during her year of study in California. "It took me four or five years to decide to do this," she says. "My children were still very young when I started thinking about it. And, although there is equipment in Dallas, they have no full-time instructor. The year was very hectic. I called home every night and flew back and forth once a month. It was very expensive. It was hectic, but my husband is very understanding.

"But I knew that would be the case," the doctor said. "My marriage was arranged by my parents in Hyderabad, India, where I lived. They felt it would be best for me to marry another physician so that we would understand each other's work. I didn't meet my husband-to-be until a week before we married. His mother had contacted my parents about a possible marriage. I was seeing a patient one day during my residency when a strange young man walked in. I

thought he'd come for the address of my sister who was practicing medicine in the United States. When I got home that evening, my mother said, 'You're getting married.' 'Who am I marrying?' I asked her. 'That young man who came in to see you today,' she told me.



*Dr. Shakila Ahmed*

"It's worked out very well. We've been married 18 years. I've been able to complete medical school, residency and further study, taking the children with me when they were very young."

"It's possible," she said, "that at least one of the children will want to be a physician. My parents really valued education and encouraged us to be whatever we wanted to be. Three of us are physicians. As my father has always said, 'Education is the one wealth that no-one can take away from you.'"

## Up Front News From The Front

*(Editor's Note: A large part of the background material for the two-part AURA series on the military was furnished by Bill Jary. See particularly his book on Camp Bowie, 1917-18 and his quarterly, "T-Patch.")*

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