

**A MARVELOUS MOTHER:
A Treasure in the Pandemic
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The current day world is filled with grief and sorrow. Despite this, there is always hope and someone to put a smile on the faces of many. That person is Radha Wuppalapati, a dentist at UCI with two daughters.

In spite of her busy schedule, she makes her family a priority. Making them feel happy and comfortable, playing games with them, and cooking for them are things that she is doing to help them through this unprecedented time of the coronavirus. She has been a source of strength and hope.

The first thought that comes to people's mind when they think of her is how she wraps them in her warmth and makes them feel glad. When someone is feeling down, she finds a way to lift their spirits. Whether it is by telling a joke or playing a silly video, this marvelous mother always has a way to get the giggles out of everyone. She also supports and encourages lots of people. Her husband, Phani Wuppalapati, says, "I agree, Radha is really funny".

In addition, Radha plays lots of games. She especially likes to play card games and one of her favorite card games is Go Fish. She usually plays on weekends with her daughters.

They also play Scrabble, a word game. It is her favorite game and it is very fun and enriching. According to [www.mentalfloss](http://www.mentalfloss.com), an online magazine with a humorous tone filled with trivia, jokes and puzzles, "National *Scrabble* Day is commemorated on April 13th each year". This is because of how many people love this awesome game! Her whole family gets in on the Scrabble Day action. In fact, her daughters made up a champion dance for the winner of the game!

Finally, Radha also cooks. She

enjoys making her family's favorite foods for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Her meals are hearty, healthy, and all homemade!

She always has a way to keep them fueled and energized. While

her family reports that they love all of her cooking, they especially love her pasta and samosa. Her second daughter, Meghana Wuppalapati, says, “Her food is delectable and the best I’ve ever tasted”!

Just recently, on Friday morning April 9th, her first daughter, Mahima, woke up and came down for breakfast. Radha had made a piece of her favorite butter toast! She sure knows what foods her daughters love!

This confounding cook, Radha Wuppalapati, makes her family feel happy, comfortable, plays lots of games



with them and has helped them all throughout this pandemic! She is a treasure!