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Dear Patients,

It is with great excitement and joy that I announce that I have sold my dental practice to my associate, Dr. Leslie Blackburn.

Dr. Blackburn joined me in the practice three years ago. During this time, I have had the opportunity to watch her blossom into an exceptional pediatric dentist. I have been praying for years that I would be able to find just the right person to be able to take over my practice and continue the vision of superlative care and excellent customer service that I have tried so hard to establish. My prayers have been answered. Dr. Blackburn has demonstrated to me her excellent clinical and leadership skills. She is well liked and respected by the staff, the other partners of The Woodlands Dental Group, and, above all the patients. I am proud of her dedication and commitment to our wonderful profession. She has brought new, innovative, and very exciting knowledge and technology to the practice. I am even more proud of the love, care, and concern she shows to the families that come through our office doors each and every day. Additionally, my entire staff admires, respects, and enjoys working with her, and have agreed to stay in the practice through this transition.

Part of the reason for the transition at this time is the fact that I am preparing for a new professional venture that I am so excited and honored to be a part of. I will be lending my time and expertise in pediatric dentistry to the new Texas Children's Hospital of The Woodlands. I will be helping TCH develop a dental service within their outpatient and inpatient facilities so that all aspects of health care could be represented and available to the children in our community through this amazing Texas Children's Facility that we have right in our own backyard. My duties at Texas Children's Hospital will require only a small part of my time initially. For that reason, I will be able to continue to practice part time in the office alongside Dr. Blackburn for several more years. I will also be helping The Woodlands Dental Group with some administrative and managerial duties. Rest assured, I am not going far! You will still be seeing me around the office. The other portion of my time will be spent taking more time to go to my "happy place" at Lake Jacksonville, Texas, and spending more time with my family and friends. I also want to take some time to achieve some personal goals and to cultivate some hobbies (i.e., GOLF!!) that I have just not had time for.

I am so excited about this transition and my new partnership with TCH. I am also excited that I will still be able to maintain a presence in the office and at The Woodlands Dental Group. I want to thank all of you in the community for your loyalty to me through out my clinical career here at The Woodlands Dental Group. I want to also thank my wonderful partners at WDG for giving me the chance to start up my pediatric dentistry practice and supporting me through its inception, growth, and maturity these past 31 years. I have truly been blessed with such a wonderful, long career. Getting to know so many families and having had the opportunity to watch this practice and all the kids grow up and mature has been an amazing experience.

Thank you once again for your loyalty to me over these past three decades. I am so truly appreciative and grateful for the wonderful career I have had in this community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judith Ragsdale