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## Dear Parents,

Working with children has always been a fundamental part of my life. What began as babysitting for friends of my family progressed to working in my church's daycare. These experiences evolved into working in a mentorship program at Texas A&M University. While a student at Texas A&M, I was given the opportunity to advise and advocate for underprivileged children. It was through this journey that I realized advocating for a child's needs had to play an integral role in my professional path.

While attending dental school, I volunteered with many organizations benefitting children including Give Kids a Smile, the Health Museum's Teddy Bear Check-up, Special Olympics, and YMCA health fairs. These experiences cemented my passion for working with children in dentistry, affirming my desire to pursue advanced specialty training in pediatric dentistry.

During my time in residency, I was able to confirm my values in caring for children. My philosophy is built upon creating oral health through positive dental experiences and education. I believe achieving these goals starts with building a strong relationship between child, parent, and dentist. I also understand that every child is unique, and therefore believe a child's care should be tailored to his or her personality. An individualized approach to each child's oral healthcare establishes the trust necessary for successful dental treatment.

Through my experiences with children, I am positive that pediatric dentistry is the greatest profession and I hold an immense amount of pride and honor in being a pediatric dental specialist. Thank you for allowing me to be an advocate for your child's oral health.

Sincerely,

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