



**Dr. Hencler with a slightly unsure new friend.**

### **Revised Pediatric Recommendations**

Our goal has always been to provide beautiful, convenient, comfortable dentistry every time and for everyone, especially children. Children are an important part of our practice. Your child's first experiences with dentistry are crucial to their future dental health. We love having young patients in our office and we can't tell you how happy it makes us when a parent tells us their child had a great experience with us.

The American Dental Association, in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, have recently revised their recommendations regarding pediatric care and based upon extensive research, have concluded that initial dental visits should begin soon after a child's first birthday. Findings indicate a significant ability to further prevent treatment needs with this early start. In order to accommodate these recommendations we have made changes in our office, including the addition of new staff members and technology better suited for pediatric dentistry.

I'm sure that you are aware that we have been working to increase the availability to specialty care for you and your family. We have grown over the past years and we recognized the need to expand our availability for pediatric dentistry. I'm happy to announce that pediatric dentist, Jason Hencler, DMD, has joined the practice. The addition of Dr. Hencler makes it possible to treat all of your pediatric needs.

Dr. Hencler is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and completed his residency at the St. Joseph Hospital. He will share appointments with the Providence Fatima Hospital faculty in addition to his position in the practice. This provides our young patients with hospital admitting privileges, for which we are extremely fortunate. Jason and his wife Kathie have just welcomed their first child, William.

### **Hygiene Team**

Our 7 AM to 8 PM scheduling has the unintended consequence of presenting a wide variety of smiling faces at different times of the day or week. We are extremely fortunate to be able to continuously expand the group of magnificent care providers we have. Nonetheless, if you have a favorite- please feel free to ask for them by name when you make your appointments.

### **Use your Benefits**

Dental insurance companies are no different than any other large organization. They are watching out for themselves first, so often you need to fight for appropriate care.

As 2011 is coming to a close, we want to make sure you take advantage of the benefits you're entitled to. If you or a family member have not been in for a check-up or if you have dental work to be done, call to schedule an appointment now. If you require extensive

treatment we can often complete some of it at the end of this year and the rest at the beginning of next year to double your insurance benefits.

Please don't wait until the year end is at hand, appointments become scarce.

### **Colleen**

25 years ago, I was fortunate to meet Ms. Colleen Shields as a patient. Colleen was 8 and a model patient. As we do every day, we made sure to show her what we were doing and why and later to explain the importance of great dental health.

To make a long story short, I am extremely happy to say that this year we are celebrating Colleen (now Potter)'s 15th year in practice. I can't possibly express my gratitude and pleasure in having her commitment and talent here for this time. Here's to 15 more Colleen!



**Colleen and her family, Jon and Brooke.**



## Dentistry From the Heart

Thank you all for your encouragement regarding Dentistry From the Heart. We know that Saturday appointments are hard to come by and that having this charity on a Saturday does diminish your appointment access. We feel that the Saturday event makes it possible for working people who are in need of assistance to receive care. Rest assured that we are continuing to increase our hours of convenience for you.



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