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Dear patients and families,

I remember fondly how the lovely patients and families welcomed me twenty-five years ago when I took over the practice of my mentor, Dr. Sheldon Peck. The years since then have given me a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to create beautiful smiles that make people feel happy, healthy and confident. I have truly enjoyed caring for and learning to know each of my patients during this time.

Time marches on, and after nearly forty years in dentistry, it has become clear to me that now is the right time to step aside. The continuity of the practice is important to me, and I am therefore delighted to introduce Dr. Alan Carlotto, a dear colleague and friend, as the new owner and fourth steward of one of Boston's oldest orthodontic practices. He shares the same philosophy of personalized care in a friendly community of patients and families. Dr. Carlotto is a very personable and bright orthodontist with extensive experience in this field. As of September 1, 2026, he will continue all patient care as the owner of the practice. During a transition period, I will also work part-time. Please know that all patient contracts will continue to be honored.

I am excited about this new chapter of my life with more family time and more exercise, crafts and adventures. Thank you for your trust, loyalty and kindness to my outstanding staff and me. I know that you wonderful patients and families will warmly welcome Dr. Carlotto and his wife Ashley as he carries on our mission of providing the best possible orthodontic care.

With gratitude and best wishes,

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