

February 25, 2019

Dear Valued Patients and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to a year of peace, prosperity and growing closer to the things most valuable in life: our Creator, our family and the longings our Creator has put in our hearts to honor Him.

As Lindy and I have been immersed in many activities, not the least of which is our practice, Raleigh Orthodontics, we have developed a new vision for personal growth and opportunity. This vision brings to a close a long desire and career in Dentistry, which began when I was 14 years old. Hard to believe that now, in my 40<sup>th</sup> year of Orthodontics practice, we are closing this chapter and beginning a new one to spend more time together, see how the Lord leads us to serve in our adopted community of Hillsville, Virginia, and make time to do some traveling to explore the Lord's creation.

I'm handing the reigns of Raleigh Orthodontics to a very capable and experienced Orthodontist, Dr. Dan Grossman of Raleigh, as the new owner of Raleigh Orthodontics. *Please see Dr. Dan's bio on the back of this letter.* As you get to know Dr. Dan you'll see his sincere passion for excellent care and his love of treating our patients and their families as they were his. He knows that for decades the basis of our practice has been to provide personalized, expert orthodontic care with utmost respect for our patient's health and dental needs. He is dedicated to this level of care. *Planning a smooth transition to his care in all respects, I'll be working full time with Dr. Dan at least until May 1 to introduce him personally to you and coordinate your care with him.* Be sure your next appointment is on or before May 1 so I can introduce you personally to him. It is a blessing that Dr. Dan is assuming this new role.

*Please join me and our team at our drop-in Introductory Reception on Tuesday, March 12, 6 to 8pm, in our Raleigh office. I know you'll enjoy meeting Dr. Dan and his wife, Lauren, over a variety of desserts.*

It is with the sincerest gratitude and thankfulness that we have had the pleasure of caring for and serving each of you, as you have placed your trust and confidence in me and our team. It has been a huge blessing from the Lord. Many, many thanks to each of you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege and honor of providing orthodontic care for you and your family.

With Warm Regards,

Albert L. Kelling DDS

## Meet Dr. Dan Grossman

Dr. Daniel Grossman (known by some of his Navy friends as “Gentle Dental Dan”) grew up in the suburbs of New York. As the middle of three boys, he learned the value of hard work and knew at an early age he wanted to be a dentist. He also had an interest in architecture, so he became an orthodontist, an architect of the mouth! He received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Business Management from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He went on to the School of Dental Medicine at Buffalo where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Dr. Dan joined the US Navy out of dental school and spent 8 years as a Naval Dental Officer caring for Navy and Marine Corps service members. While in the service, he received numerous accolades including two Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment and multiple overseas ribbons. While stationed in San Diego in the Navy, he met his wife, Lauren and they have been married for 13 years.

Dr. Dan graduated from his 3-year orthodontic residency from Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He then practiced orthodontics in the Philadelphia suburbs before heading south to settle down in Raleigh, starting Grossman Orthodontics in 2015 with his growing practice in the Wake Forest/Wakefield area. Dr. Dan was honored that Dr. Bert chose him to purchase Raleigh Orthodontics and continue the legacy that he has created.

Although quite decorated with medals and degrees, Dr. Dan and Lauren’s two greatest accomplishments are their sons, Dane (born in January 2009) and Landon Beau (born in January 2012). Dr. Dan loves skiing, running, swimming, hiking, traveling, and spending time with his family. He can also be found on the weekends watching college sports (his wife is a diehard Virginia Tech Hokie), assistant coaching his son’s baseball teams, cheering them on at swim meets in the summer, attending The Summit Church and building Legos with Dane and Landon.

Dr. Dan shares Dr. Bert’s attention to detail and superior patient care. He is a perfectionist when it comes to crafting beautiful smiles. He is a very patient, genuine and positive person with a strong work ethic and excellent people skills. He loves the orthodontic profession and the relationships that he has formed with his patients and their families. His genuine happiness shows in his own smile and gentle personality. You’ll love meeting Dr. Dan!