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Dear Families:

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my decision to retire from the practice of pediatrics.

I joined Northern Virginia Pediatrics in 1975 to work alongside my mentor and dear friend, Dr. James Stallings, and my dream was to be a pediatrician who would help improve the lives of my patients and their families. With that goal in mind, I could not be more proud of Northern Virginia Pediatrics and what it means to the families who trust us to care for them. While I am retiring, I take comfort in knowing I leave you and your family in very good hands. My colleagues at Northern Virginia Pediatrics will open their practices to my former patients and you may select the professional you prefer. Each provider has earned my respect and admiration and I know will earn yours as well.

The decision to retire is a difficult one. However, in the past six months, and specifically, with the sudden passing of my dear son Eric from a cardiac condition, I have spent time reflecting on his life and accomplishments. As you may know, Eric had severe learning disabilities yet he achieved independence as an adult that few thought was ever possible. Although our primary and secondary educational institutions have made tremendous gains in educating learning disabled students, thriving independently afterwards still can be a challenge. Yet Eric thrived and his success serves as a symbol of how vocational support, mentorship and professional coaching can improve the lives of special needs adults. With great respect to Eric's accomplishments, my husband and I plan to devote ourselves to helping other learning disabled adults achieve that independent lifestyle, and experience the pride that comes with that accomplishment. It will be our tribute to Eric.

I will cease my practice of pediatrics on June 8, 2016. I sincerely apologize to those who have already made appointments with me that will be affected by this. Niki and Sabrina will personally assume responsibility for ensuring that you are rescheduled with one of my colleagues at a time and date that is convenient for you.

This was a difficult decision but also one that I needed to make. Thank you for the trust you have shown in me all these years. I will sincerely miss you and wish you all the best.

It has been the highest privilege to be your pediatrician.

With my warmest regards,

Dr. Lynne D. Myers