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WOODCLIFF LAKE

Pediatric dentist Rachlin now full-time in Woodcliff Lake

Pediatric dentist Dr. Eli M. Rachlin, of Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental in Woodcliff Lake, is pleased to announce that he will be devoting himself to his patients full-time starting in April.

Since opening Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental, located at 595 Chestnut Ridge Road, three years ago, Rachlin's been splitting his time between Woodcliff Lake and a second New Jersey dental office. But his demand had been growing in the Pascack Valley, leading him to his decision to settle down for good at Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental.

Rachlin, a native of Canada, completed dental school in 1996 at the University of Toronto and was awarded the prestigious Student Leadership Award due to his volunteer work with special-needs children and those with life-threatening illnesses. He eventually moved to New York to complete a fellowship in advanced dentistry at Columbia University. Following this, Rachlin began a residency in hospital dentistry at Montefiore Medical Center and Jacobi Hospital and completed his specialty training in pediatric dentistry at Montefiore Medical Center.

"I knew I wanted to work with kids before I knew I wanted to be a dentist," says Rachlin, who worked as a counselor and leader of a division at a camp for children with cancer and other diseases

from 1991 to 1995. He also volunteered for an organization which chaperoned sick children to Disney World and was a participant in the Big Brother program.

Even while attending dental school, Rachlin voluntarily ran Child Life Services in the oncology/hematology floor at a hospital on weekends. He held the title of student clinician for Alpha Omega dental fraternity and arranged seminars in which leading dentists in Toronto taught students.

These days, as a board-certified diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, he says he loves working as a dentist, but most of all, he loves seeing kids smile; and that's precisely the reaction most children have upon entering Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental.

The bright colors, a boat at sea in the reception area, fluffy clouds over the front desk and hallways, themed rooms and flat screen televisions that children can watch while in the dental chair all contribute to an atmosphere that reflects Dr. Rachlin's overall approach to dentistry. It's a state-of-the-art, environmentally-conscious and paperless office, but most of all, it's fun.

Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental also recently launched a new and improved Web site, www.CRKidsteeth.com, which features a virtual tour of the office



Dr. Eli Rachlin, center, is joined by dental assistant Jeaneth, left, and patient care coordinator Debbie.

and more information on the practice.

February is Dental Health Month and Dr. Rachlin and his patient care coordinator, Debbie, are happy to make special visits to local daycare centers and schools to explain healthy food choices and proper dental hygiene to children. During the rest of the year,

Rachlin still enjoys being active within the community and regularly visits summer camps and sponsors various events, such as Montvale Education Foundation fund-raisers.

Aside from his dental pursuits, Dr. Rachlin is a happy husband and proud father of two daughters and one son.

Dr. Rachlin is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and an active member of the American Dental Association and the New Jersey Dental Association. Call Chestnut Ridge Pediatric Dental at **(201) 391-4441** for more information or to schedule an appointment.