physician team spotlight

PIERSON ORTHODONTICS

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What sunshine is to flowers, **smiles** are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure, but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

e at Pierson Orthodontics have been blessed to see the many smiles that this community "scatters" along life's pathway. We see you at the schools, giving of your time and talents. We see you serve one another, uplifting and making burdens light. We see you in your families, raising beautiful children with good hearts and strong minds. We see you making the world a better place.

When Brad and I started the practice our vision was to give our patients much more than just a beautiful smile. We wanted to bring smiles to their hearts as well. Throughout our lives our hearts have smiled as we have served those who are less fortunate or need a helping hand. Reaching out to others has been a big part of our practice vision and with your help; we have been able to bring many smiles to those within our community and the greater San Antonio.

We are always blown away with the generous hearts of our patients. They have given us so much support as we strive to fulfill our mission to give others something to smile about. Whether we are collecting food for the local food bank, asking for costume donations for kids with cancer, or selling beanies to donate to cancer patients during the cold months, our patients have always given more than we could ever imagine.

This past year Pierson Orthodontics connected with Ragan's Hope, an organization that helps parents of children with catastrophic illnesses or injuries endure the initial impact and embrace the future. Their vision is to "help parents and communities lift up the children with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, to not only learn to rise up and meet their challenges, but to go on to live extraordinary lives."

Our first outreach to Ragan's Hope was during Christmas time. We had 20 kids that we were trying to provide Christmas gifts for. We put an "Angel Tree" in our waiting room with ornaments that listed the needs of these children. Every ornament was taken and fulfilled by our patients, who gave even more than what we asked for. Our office was full of presents and we couldn't believe the outpouring of love from our patients.

The real joy came when each of us were able to deliver these gifts to the families. Monique, Pierson Orthodontics Financial Coordinator, shared her experience with the deliveries. "My child was Rhapsody. When we showed up to her apartment she had her hands clasped by her mouth and her twin brothers were jumping up and down on the couch because they too were receiving gifts and were so excited." Monique went on to say, "We forget how blessed we are until these moments. We take our health, our wealth and our lives for granted. That's why I love what we do at Pierson Orthodontics. I love how God brings me back to Him during these activities and how He shines the light on who needs help and He provides for them."

Dr. Pierson, myself and our staff would like to express just how grateful we are to you, for your giving hearts and the inspiration you are to us. Keep scattering those smiles! This community and the world is a better place because of you!