

## **WELCOME TO BUDD ORTHODONTICS!**

We are so pleased you have chosen to schedule an initial examination with our office. This letter is to welcome you and to give you a little bit of information about what to expect at your first visit.

### **THE ORTHODONTIC EXAMINATION**

At your first visit in our office, Dr. Budd and one of our staff members will review your child's dental and medical history and complete an orthodontic examination. We will describe the general developmental status of your child's jaw structure and dentition and any problems that might require orthodontic treatment. We will discuss your specific concerns, answer any questions that you or your child might have, and outline possible treatment options. We will discuss diagnostic and treatment fees. Our goal is to give you as much information as we can before any diagnostic records are taken. We do not charge for the examination visit.

### **THE NEXT STEPS**

**Future Treatment:** If the most opportune time for treatment is sometime in the future, we may recommend a period of observation. During observation, diagnostic records may be needed from time to time to monitor dental development. Generally we do not charge for the observation visits, but we will make a charge for any diagnostic records needed.

**Treatment Now:** If we recommend some form of orthodontic treatment now, we will need a diagnostic evaluation to plan treatment. Diagnostic records will be required to complement the examination findings. These records may include models of the teeth, registration of the jaw structure relationship, photographs of the face and teeth, and facial and dental x-rays. We will evaluate this information and design a course of treatment.

### **THE COST OF EVALUATION AND TREATMENT**

The fees for the evaluation and diagnostic records will depend upon what kind of diagnostic records are needed. We will be able to determine the cost at the examination appointment.

We can estimate the treatment fee at the examination appointment, and one of our staff will discuss how you might arrange payments. If you have insurance coverage, we will work with your insurance company to claim your benefits.

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

In our office orthodontic treatment is more than straight teeth. It is a process of combining the goals and concerns that each patient brings to us with our objectives of treatment excellence. We want the treatment to be a positive experience for everyone. We are looking forward to your visit.