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**Dear Valued Patients,**

I am writing to share some important news with you about the future of our practice.

After much thought and careful consideration, I have made the personal decision to sell the practice so that I can spend more time with my family. This has not been an easy decision, as it has been an incredible privilege to care for you and your loved ones over the years. I am deeply grateful for the trust and relationships we have built together.

While the ownership of the practice is changing, I want to assure you that our commitment to providing exceptional eye care will remain the same. I have been very intentional in selecting new owners who share the same values, commitment to patient care, and vision for the future of the practice. The new owners are Dr. Robert Layman and Dr. James Hardie.

Dr. Layman, a Toledo native, has been serving Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan for over 30 years. He has is a past president of the Ohio Optometric Association President and the American Optometric Association.

Dr. Hardie has spent his 16-year career serving alongside Dr. Layman. He was the recipient of the Michigan Optometric Association's 2026 Optometrist of the Year award and is a past president of the Michigan Optometric Association.

I have every confidence that they will continue the legacy of compassionate, high-quality care that has always been the foundation of our office.

To ensure a smooth and seamless transition, I will continue seeing patients through the end of this year. I look forward to caring for you during this time and helping make this transition as comfortable as possible.

Many of you already know **Dr. Kathryn Hohman**, who has been providing exceptional care to patients in our practice for the past two years. Throughout that time, I have worked closely with her, mentoring her in the knowledge, clinical philosophy, and expertise that have shaped our practice's approach to pediatric eye care, binocular vision, and vision therapy. I have complete confidence in her ability to continue providing these much-needed services with the same level of clinical excellence, compassion, and individualized attention that our patients have come to expect. She will continue seeing patients under the new ownership and will remain an integral part of our team. Whether you choose to continue seeing me through the end of the year or establish your care with Dr. Hohman at any time, you can feel confident knowing you will continue to receive the personalized, compassionate care you deserve.

You can also expect to see the same wonderful staff, the same familiar office, and the same dedication to serving our patients and our community. While ownership is changing, the people and culture that make this practice so special will remain.



It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my career to care for you and your family. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and for placing your trust in me over the years. Although this is the beginning of a new chapter for my family, I am genuinely excited about the future of the practice and know it is in excellent hands.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. As part of this transition, your records will remain securely maintained by the new practice owners to ensure continuity of your care. If you prefer to have your records forwarded to another optometrist or healthcare provider of your choice, we will be happy to do so upon your written request. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months and am confident that this practice will continue to serve our community with the same excellence and compassion for many years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

**Nahrain M. Shasteen, OD, OS, FAAO**