

Nova Pediatrics

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Subject: A Word of Thanks from Melissa Johnson & the Johnson Family

As a mother, there is nothing more important to me than the health and welfare of my children. When my son was born in 2002, it was a life changing experience. Our physician at the time was retiring and we relocated from Washington, DC to Northern Virginia. The whole experience was a bit daunting. We began looking for a pediatrician for our then ten-month-old son. It was my husband that actually found Nova Pediatrics and we couldn't be more pleased.

Not more than five months after the relocation our daughter, Sophia was born. At 34 weeks she was barely 4 pounds, I was devastated. She was so small, helpless and sickly and there I was powerless to "fix" her. I remember walking into the office for her first appointment, she'd just been released from the hospital after spending the first month of her life in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Nurse Linda looked at her smiled then looked at me and said "Don't worry mom, she's perfect, we'll take good care of you both". I could barely choke back the tears. It was like a weight had been lifted and I could breathe again.

As parents it's comforting to have a support system of people who understand, empathize, and that we feel have a genuine concern and compassion for the well being of our children. Parenting isn't easy, and choosing the right provider to us was critical. The staff at Nova Peds is warm and the people are real. They talk with me and make me feel at ease. Nova Peds has been with my family for the past eight years through all the good and the bad. They have compassionately cared for each and every one of our eight amazing children. I was looking for a "friend" for the next two or three decades and what we found was so much more.

For all that you have done for me and my children – thank you hardly seems enough!!

Lovingly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa L. Johnson".

Melissa L. Johnson

Proud mother of Symone, Sydney, Cedric, Sophia, Lauren, Natalie, Gabrielle and Matthew Johnson