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IT'S A GIRL!!! HARRIET
AND HER PROUD FAMILY.

Harriet Turner Kelley is here!

We are excited to announce that Dr. Kelley and his wife, Anne, recently had their second daughter, Harriet Turner Kelley. Harriet arrived on October 9 - a few days ahead of schedule! Harriet, mom, and big sister Elizabeth are all doing great. Thanks to everyone for all of your thoughts and prayers over the last nine months!



Did you know that the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) has declared October "National Orthodontic Health Month?" This is a great time to spotlight the benefits of a healthy smile and educate patients about taking care of their braces!

FALL CONTEST

GUESS THE WEIGHT...
of our pumpkin! If you guess the closest to the actual weight, you will win a **\$100 Visa Gift Card!** If you do not have an appointment this month, stop by the office to make your guess!



Advances in Orthodontics make treatment faster, more comfortable, and more aesthetic!

Today, advances in materials and techniques for use in outer space and in computers are changing the way orthodontics improves your smile. These advances are making braces less noticeable, more comfortable, and, in some cases, you will achieve that new smile faster.

A major change in orthodontic technology is the development of new self-ligating brackets. In the past, the wires were tied in to the braces, which causes friction and pressure. As a result, treatment could potentially be slower and more uncomfortable. Newer braces use a sliding mechanism to hold the wire, allowing the teeth to move more freely, quickly, and comfortably. In addition, the braces are designed to be discreet, comfortable, and easy to keep clean. But don't worry if you want "colors" - we can still put them on too!

Another innovation is in the wires that are attached to the brackets. Called 'space age' because they were developed for use in the NASA space program, these wires are made of flexible metal. They're also called 'memory wire' because they return to a pre-formed

shape, which is how they move your teeth. These new wires are easier to install, require fewer replacements and adjustments, and work faster.

If your orthodontic condition permits, there are also nearly invisible orthodontic options. Brackets made of ceramics are tooth colored or clear. For adults and mature adolescents whose teeth require only minimal straightening, there are also clear aligners, which really aren't braces in the old-fashioned sense at all.

Advancements aren't just in braces, either. Computer technology is rapidly changing and improving the way your treatment is planned. Most of your orthodontic records can now be done digitally, with X-rays, digital photographs, and digital models that are saved directly to the computer. New computer programs are also used to aid in diagnosis and in creation of a treatment plan.

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