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ORTHODONTIC PARTNERS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN MINNESOTA Doctors Chris Carlson and Curtis Dunn join fast-growth Orthodontic Service Organization

Grand Rapids, MI – Orthodontic Partners is adding two renowned orthodontists from Minnesota to its fast-growing team of practices: Dr. Chris Carlson and Dr. Curtis Dunn. Orthodontic Partners, an Orthodontic Service Organization, continues to grow despite the setbacks the orthodontic industry has faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pairing best-practices from recognized industry leaders and those of seasoned business executives, Orthodontic Partners is growing its practices while carefully maintaining the clinical care and local culture that established these thriving practices.

Both Dr. Carlson and Dr. Dunn have provided comprehensive, high-quality orthodontic care to patients in the Minneapolis and Duluth areas for many years. Chip Hurlburt, Chief Executive Officer of Orthodontic Partners, states: "Both Dr. Carlson and Dr. Dunn are fantastic orthodontists who share our views on providing world-class orthodontic treatment. They are a great fit for our organization and we are excited to welcome them to the team."

Dr. Dunn, a board-certified, Diamond-Level Invisalign Provider in the Minneapolis area, feels it is the right time to join forces with Orthodontic Partners after nearly thirty years of running his own practice: "I chose to partner with Orthodontic Partners after quite a bit of research. I was able to speak with the founding doctors prior to my decision, and was able to gain insight into the company and its mission ahead of time. I am pleased to partner with an organization that grants orthodontists the clinical authority to treat their patients as they always have, while providing additional support to improve clinical efficiency and patient satisfaction."

Dr. Carlson, a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontists, feels similarly: "I am excited for what this partnership means for my patients, my business, and my family. Orthodontic Partners has many resources available to us to help grow Carlson Orthodontics while keeping a small-practice feel for our patients."

As Orthodontic Partners establishes roots in Minnesota, patients across the state will benefit from the innovation and collaboration. Chip Hurlburt added: "We look forward to working with Dr. Carlson and Dr. Dunn as we seek like-minded doctors interested in building a different kind of orthodontic service organization to help secure the future of the profession."

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<u>About Orthodontic Partners</u>: Founded by some of the nation's leading orthodontists, Orthodontic Partners is an innovative Orthodontic Service Organization created by orthodontists, for orthodontists. The organization seeks to partner with orthodontists nationally to provide innovative orthodontic care through affiliated practices in Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, and Missouri. For more information, visit www.orthodonticpartners.com.