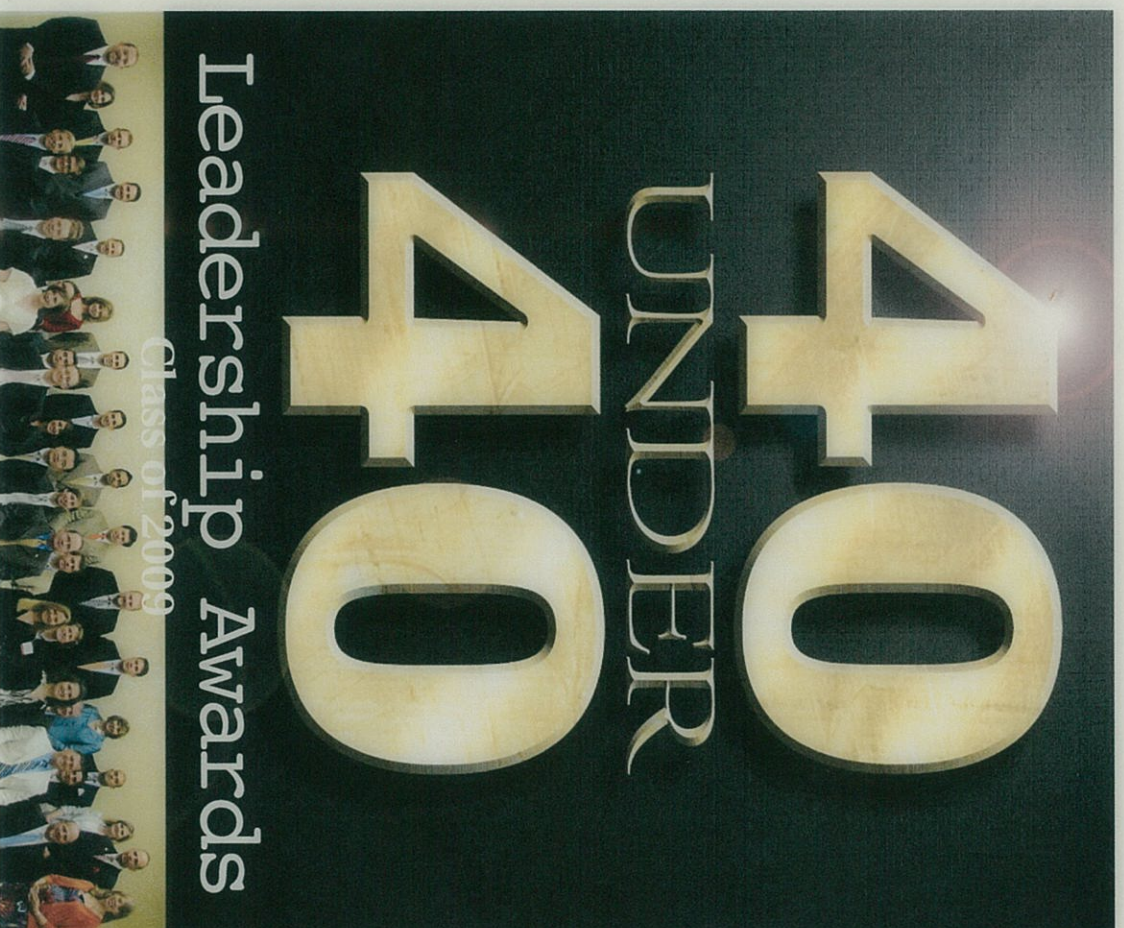


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### Cary Pediatric Dentistry



Robert Elliott works with children at Cary Pediatric Dentistry.

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### Pediatric dentist and founder, Cary Pediatric Dentistry

- Family: Only child of my mom and dad
- Education: Undergraduate degree, University of Louisville; graduate degree, University of Louisville School of Dentistry; post doctoral and master's, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

#### Who is your hero?

My father. He has survived three different cancers and remained positive and optimistic throughout each episode, including the debilitating treatment involved with each one. He taught me to live one day at a time and never give up.

#### What accomplishments are your most proud of from the past year?

My pediatric dental practice has gone through a complete transformation in the last 12 months. We moved into our new building and dream office in May, upgraded our entire technology platform, transitioned to digital radiography, brought on a new doctor/partner and hired three additional team members for a total of 12.

#### What was your first childhood job?

I taught gymnastics at a local gym to young children, which is where I learned that I thoroughly enjoyed working with kids.

#### What was your first job as an adult?

I was a bartender between my third and fourth years of dental school – just so I knew how to do all those cool bar tricks and so I could make an unforgettable mojito.

#### What charity have you invested time in during the past year?

I volunteer at Wake Smiles Dental Clinic and

provide dentistry at low/no charge to those patients who typically have financial problems with access to care.

#### If your house caught fire and you had time to grab two things, what would they be?

My pets and my thumb drive that has all files and everything in the house backed up.

#### What are your hobbies or favorite pastimes?

Traveling, scuba diving, organizing and hosting a killer party.

#### Nothing makes me madder than ...:

Minority discrimination

#### Who would make the guest list for your dream dinner party?

JFK, George Carlin, Oprah, Kurt Cobain, Ellen, Martha Quinn, Ron Howard

#### What has been the biggest factor in your success?

Surrounding myself with positive people and teams and mentors who have been successful. If you associate with those who have successfully moved forward, you are likely to move forward, too.

#### If you could change something about the Triangle, what would it be?

A light rail for easy transportation between cities.

#### Dream purchase in the next five years?

Honesty. I have everything I could ask for. I am wealthy beyond my years and it has nothing to do with money.

