

Jennifer Buchanan, Orthodontist Press Release for Immediate Release

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Dr. Jennifer Buchanan's Croatian Gratitude Coins
Benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County

Local Orthodontist, Jennifer Buchanan, is joining forces with Denise and James Mitchell of Windsor Jewelers to announce the opening of her new office in the Croatian Village of Adriatica. Dr. Buchanan has purchased Croatian Gratitude Coins – called kuna coins – which will be made by Windsor Jewelers into necklaces. The proceeds from the sale of the jewelry will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County.

The word kuna means “marten” in Croatian. A marten is a small animal native to Croatia with mink-like fur and it is pictured on the kuna coin. It is based on the use of marten skins as units of value in medieval trading. These coins were difficult to obtain.

“I had many people on a mission to locate them, bankers, friends traveling in Europe, and even individuals living in Croatia. Finally a friend whose relative was a coin broker procured these unique coins,” said Dr. Buchanan.

A specific story in “The Secret” by Lee Brower was the catalyst for Dr. Buchanan's vision. “Each time a person sees this coin, it will remind them of what they have to be thankful for. It is a powerful process to be in a constant state of gratitude. I want everyone to know this blessing,” she said.

In conjunction with the grand opening of her orthodontic office, Dr. Buchanan knew she wanted to do something to raise funds and awareness for the **Boys and Girls Club of Collin County**. “I believe in the Boys and Girls Club and their mission. It is a tremendous help to our youth to have a positive place to be after school and in the summer. They have an urgent need for school supplies and clothing, so for every Croatian Gratitude Coin necklace sold, 100 percent will go for these kids to start back to school with the tools they need to succeed.

“I would like to thank all of the individuals who helped me locate these kuna coins and trace their history. Thanks also to James and Denise Mitchell of Windsor Jewelers who have generously donated their time, materials, and labor to create these necklaces,” said Dr. Buchanan.

To purchase a coin, stop by Dr. Buchanan's office located at 6595 Virginia Parkway, Suite 100 McKinney, Texas 75071. The cost is \$10.00 and 100 percent of the donation will go to the boys and girls for their school supplies. You may also contact her

at 972-542-4412 or on the web at www.mckinneybraces.com. Make checks out to the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. All donations are tax deductible. You can also purchase coins from Windsor Jewelers located at 2107 Eldorado Parkway Suite 106 (located at Highway 75 at Craig Drive) 972-547-GOLD (4653).

“Each person who supports the Boys and Girls Club through the purchase of a Croatian Gratitude Coin will be amazed at the blessings they will bring to themselves and everyone they contact. Don’t forget the Annual Fundraiser for the Collin County Boys and Girls Club – The Chrysalis Ball, on November 3. Visit www.bgccc.org for more information, said Dr. Buchanan.

Attached photo cutline:

Back row, (l-r): Angie Tolls (Collin County Boys and Girls Club), Dr. Jennifer Buchanan, Denise and James Mitchell (Windsor Jewelers).

Front row, students from the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County.