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Dear Mrs. Papakie,

Growing up in Accra, Ghana, oral health care services were scarce. At a young age, I had to travel to seek dental care for a painful toothache, and when my teeth were extracted without pain management, it was the most traumatizing experience I had endured. I quickly came to realize the unmet need for well-trained dentists, which ultimately led to my pursuit of a career in dental medicine.

With the support of alumni, donors, and friends like you, I was fortunate enough to receive the Dean's Scholarship to attend Pitt Dental Medicine and study alongside our amazing faculty and staff. In addition to financial support, my scholarship provides the luxury of time, which is well invested in refining my clinical skills, as well as giving back through service and community-based mentorship programs.

I hope you will consider making a gift to the Dean's Scholarship at Pitt Dental Medicine today.

The community in which I grew up is centered around service to the less fortunate, and it is my moral duty to uphold those values that truly give me purpose. I feel dentistry offers me the opportunity to do so. Members of our school community like you also have the opportunity to give back by supporting the Dean's Scholarship and Pitt Dental Medicine students who may not be able to pursue this career path without financial support.

Your gift of \$75 could make an important difference not only for students, but for the communities they will go on to positively impact with their skills.

The act of philanthropy is truly life-changing. Please support the dreams of the next generation of dental professionals and the future patients they will serve with compassion and expertise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ashraff Buari (DEN '23)

P.S. Because of generosity from people like you, I can improve the accessibility of quality oral health care services in communities like the one where I grew up. Don't wait to support the Dean's Scholarship online at giveto.pitt.edu/donatedental – gifts made by Dec. 31 may qualify for a tax deduction.

