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Drs. Patrice and Michael Whistler:

I had hoped to be with you tonight but I am unable to do so. However, I wanted to present both Dr. Whistlers with a token of appreciation for their hard work during their time here in Tahlequah.

Because I worked more closely with Patrice, I would like to especially wish her well in Colorado. After our initial meeting with Patrice our expectations were very high. Patrice greatly exceeded those expectations almost immediately. Her energy, sincerity and willingness to work very hard for the things she believes in helped the Cherokee Nation dramatically improve our health care system. For that I thank her.

I also want to thank her for her personal friendship and the friendships she developed with other people throughout the Cherokee Nation. She will be missed not only because of her professional skills but also because she has been a great friend to me and to many others here in Tahlequah.

Best wishes to both of you as you begin this new venture. If for some reason, it doesn't meet your expectations, please know that you can always come home.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief