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Dear Treehouse Parents,

It has been my great pleasure to feed your kids tasty and healthy food here at Treehouse for eight years. I have loved getting to know every one of their adorable faces and personalities and will miss them very much! But it is time for me to take off my chef's hat and retire on June 30th, just a few days shy of my 66th birthday. Another chef, Mary, is taking over in the kitchen and she is eager to continue our tradition of quality food made from simple ingredients.

I am very excited about the next chapter in my life! I have been studying art for a couple of years now and look forward to having a lot more time for painting and art lessons. I am happy to have more freedom to travel often to visit my grandson in Canada and aging mother back east.

Although most families don't know this, I created those Woodland Scenes over the mirrors in the big circle room, with painted silks and stitching. I still enjoy seeing them there every day. Now, as I move on, I feel that I am leaving those animal friends behind to welcome present and future Treehouse kids to school every day. This is a great place for a kid to be and I have enjoyed my time being a part of it. I live very near to Waneka Lake and hopefully will run into an occasional Treehouse kid. I'll always be glad to see you!

Sincerely,

Sherri Marie

Treehouse Chef