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Dr. Suzan Lowry was one of five pediatricians serving 9,000 kids at Fort Bragg when she worked on staff at Womack Army Medical Center in 1995. More recently, she provided primary pediatric care as a senior physician at the US Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, 2012-2017.

"Working here ... is going to be, I think, a feeling of a village," said Lowry. "It will be more of a community sense of living."

Dr. Lowry knows that most families are assigned to Carlisle Barracks for one year and that unique challenges arise from that.

"One year is very short, so I want to tailor to what the parents need and what the healthcare needs of the child are and then come up with a plan so it can be achieved and transcend this very short one year," said Lowry.

"Pediatrics is just a happy field," said Dr. Lowry.

"It's fascinating because the kids change," said Lowry ... parents' love for their child is something you cannot break. No matter what happens in wartime, in peacetime, it will always be there."

No matter how much or little time you spend with each patient interaction, you are making an impression with what you say, the compassion you extend, and even your gestures, she said.

"That's why I start with something positive for the parent or child to focus on," she added.

"I want to convey that this is for and about my patients and their needs," said Lowry.

Lowry has more than 25 years of experience in the medical field since completing her medical degree from Howard University in 1987. She completed her medical training at a large medical center at the University of Maryland.

"I've practiced in a large number of settings, academic, military, and ... urban," said Lowry.

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