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PATTERSON FOUNDATION SURPASSES \$500,000 IN SUPPORT FOR MISSIONS OF MERCY AND AMERICA'S DENTISTS CARE FOUNDATION

February 12, 2016 (ST. PAUL, Minn.) – In 2015, the Patterson Foundation reached a milestone by surpassing \$500,000 in support for the America's Dentists Care Foundation (ADCF) and Missions of Mercy (MOM) events across the country. The ADCF provides equipment and support to state-run MOM events by contracting with state dental associations and other organizations to provide oral healthcare to the underserved. The Foundation has provided more than \$292,000 in grants to ADCF since 2010 and \$273,000 to MOM events since 2006.

The Foundation reached this milestone in 2015 by awarding \$52,500 to MOM events across the country and through a \$60,000 grant to ADCF to help outfit a 45-chair trailer to transport equipment and other items to assist Missions of Mercy dental clinics. The ADCF's "Mini MOM" trailer enables MOM to host smaller-scale events in areas unable to support the usual 100-chair clinics due to venue size, funding or other factors.

In addition to support from the Patterson Foundation, many employees from Patterson Dental volunteer their services at MOM events to help with activities like pre-event planning and setting up and taking down dental equipment.

"Consistent support is a core planning tool for any nonprofit entity, and supporters like the Patterson Foundation are absolutely key to the efforts of ADCF in both the near and long term," said Bill Blasing, ADCF executive director. "We're always investigating and pursuing ways to bring even more value to our customers that utilize our equipment and expertise in order to help them better serve their patients. Creating an environment where oral health care to the underserved is constantly improved upon until a broader, more permanent solution is achieved, is always a fundamental goal for us at ADCF."

California Dental Association (CDA) Foundation hosts CDA Cares, an ADCF-supported event and one that the Patterson Foundation has supported since its inception. "The CDA Foundation is grateful for the support we receive from Patterson Dental and its employees who volunteer their time at our CDA Cares dental events," said Jean Creasey, DDS, CDA Foundation chair. "Patterson is not only generous with its donations of dental materials and equipment, but their employees come alongside to help with many aspects of CDA Cares, including setup and maintenance of equipment throughout the event. Thanks to Patterson, we're able to provide much-needed dental care for approximately 2,000 people at each event."

Creasey continued: "Through its generous donations, the Patterson Foundation has provided grants that have helped the CDA Foundation offset the direct costs of volunteer support at CDA Cares, including food and event T-shirts for our army of volunteers."

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About America's Dentists Care Foundation Missions of Mercy events

America's Dentists Care Foundation supports dental Missions of Mercy (MOM) clinics, which provide free oral healthcare to any person who attends on a first come, first served basis, no questions asked. Since 2000, Missions of Mercy events have helped more than 200,000 patients and provided nearly \$123 million in free oral healthcare in 32 states.

At a typical two-day MOM event, about 1,400 dental and lay volunteers come together to serve an average of 1,600 patients. ADCF provides not only equipment and instruments, but also guidance and proven practices necessary to host a successful event. The organization owns semi-trailers, each with the equipment, tools and instruments needed for a dental clinic. Twenty-eight states in the U.S. have an ADCF-supported MOM chapter that utilizes equipment provided by ADCF. Four states conduct MOM events utilizing their own equipment.

About the Patterson Foundation

Patterson Foundation is a private grant-making foundation that awards higher education scholarships to the children of Patterson Companies employees and provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations in the oral health and animal health fields. The Foundation focuses its grants on programs that provide dental care to disadvantaged communities, assistance dogs to people with disabilities and leadership opportunities to youth in agriculture. The Patterson Foundation is funded primarily by current and former employees of Patterson Companies, Inc. Visit pattersonfoundation.net for more information.

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Patterson Companies, Inc. (Nasdaq: PDCO) is a value-added distributor serving the dental and animal health markets.

Dental Market

Patterson Dental provides a virtually complete range of consumable dental products, equipment and software, turnkey digital solutions and value-added services to dentists and dental laboratories throughout North America.

Animal Health Market

Patterson Animal Health, formerly Patterson Veterinary, is a leading, full-line distributor in North America and the U.K. of animal health products, services and technologies to both the production-animal and companion-pet markets.

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