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**PATTERSON DENTAL AND BUSINESS PARTNERS' ANNUAL GIFT TO DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK EXCEEDS \$236,000 DURING 2013 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

December 19, 2013 (St. Paul, MN) – Patterson Dental and its business partners once again raised a record contribution in conjunction with the Patterson Leadership Summit in Minneapolis to support Dental Lifeline Network (DLN), a national nonprofit organization that provides dental care for people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile.

Patterson Dental President Paul Guggenheim announced this year's total: "We are excited to report that 2013 contributions to Dental Lifeline Network programs will exceed \$236,000 – a record amount and a more than 12 percent increase over funds raised in 2012. This overwhelming support from our dental industry partners demonstrates what can be accomplished when we work together in tangible ways to transform the lives of needy people who have no other way to receive dental treatment."

Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services (DDS) program involves over 15,000 dentists and 3,600 laboratories that volunteer to help patients in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Donations from the Leadership Summit support these services, which DLN President Fred Leviton said helped 7,337 individuals with special needs receive \$23.3 million in dental therapies last year. "The lives of thousands of vulnerable people are sustained, and even saved, by the many wonderful donors who support our programs," Leviton stated. "Patterson Dental and its business partners have contributed to comprehensive care for over 120,000 people who have benefited from more than \$200 million worth of care. These patients who have received services are profoundly grateful, as are we."

The annual Leadership Summit brings together the Patterson Dental management team from across North America to discuss initiatives and other opportunities rolling out over the course of the year that will continue to improve the patient experience and practice lifestyle. "Every year we embrace the opportunity to connect with business partners at our Leadership Summit," Guggenheim said. "But through our ongoing support for DLN we also have the opportunity to help more people and impact our industry as a whole, which makes this event truly rewarding."

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