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National Children's Oral Health Foundation Spring Grant Awards Total \$109,050 for Pediatric Oral Healthcare Programs

(Charlotte, NC—April 19, 2010) National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy*® (NCOHF) recently awarded grants totaling \$109,050 to 8 not-for-profit community, university, and hospital-based dental programs nationwide. Grant recipients are members of the growing NCOHF Affiliate network delivering comprehensive oral health preventive, restorative, and educational programs to children from vulnerable populations. Through continued support from NCOHF financial and product contributions, as well as technical resources, the NCOHF Affiliate network has reached more than 1 million children since 2006.

Fern Ingber, NCOHF President and CEO, expressed her gratitude to NCOHF supporters, noting that, "it is only through the continued generosity of NCOHF individual, organizational, and corporate partners that *America's Toothfairy* grant awards are possible. We are honored to serve as a comprehensive resource provider for our Affiliate network of nonprofit healthcare facilities, and we are grateful that so many donors share in the NCOHF mission to eliminate children's unnecessary suffering from pediatric dental disease."

"We work in an area that has many rural poor farm families. Many don't qualify for the state offered dental health plan and as a result, our organization receives very low reimbursement from the state program," said Kathleen Traut, Executive Director of *America's Toothfairy* Affiliate and recent grant recipient, A Fluoride Connection Non Profit Corporation. "We won't turn any child away if they are uninsured or otherwise aren't on the program; we simply get paid less. Funding from *America's Toothfairy* has eased our financial worries in providing vital services for the little ones who (many) won't otherwise have any dental experiences at all. It is gratifying to share such a passion for children's oral health with *America's Toothfairy*!"

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About National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy*® (NCOHF)

National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy* (NCOHF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, dedicated to raising awareness of the #1 chronic childhood illness: pediatric dental disease, facilitating delivery of comprehensive pediatric oral health services, and eliminating this preventable disease from future generations. NCOHF draws on vast national resources to secure and distribute product and financial donations along with innovative preventive programs to a growing network of not-for-profit university and community based dental clinics, health centers, and mobile programs throughout America.

For more information about NCOHF, please visit www.AmericasToothfairy.org.

Grant awards:

Catholic Healthcare West

Chandler, Arizona \$15,000

Community Oral Health Services

Salinas, California \$15,000

Sonrisas Community Dental Center

Half Moon Bay, California \$9,050

The Children's Dental Center

Inglewood, California \$15,000

The Gary Center

La Habra, California \$10,000

Indiana University School of Dentistry

Indianapolis, Indiana \$15,000

Community Dentistry on Wheels

Largo, Maryland \$15,000

A Fluoride Connection Non Profit Corporation

Madison, Wisconsin \$15,000

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