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National Children's Oral Health Foundation® and Spear® Education Announce Partnership to Benefit At-Risk Teens

(Charlotte, NC—June 24, 2010) National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy*® (NCOHF) and Spear® Education have formed a partnership to give promising at-risk teens a brighter future through the NCOHF *Tomorrow's SMILES*® program.

Tomorrow's SMILES® was created and initially funded by a gift from Dr. Ronald Goldstein, a highly respected clinician, author and lecturer. Through this partnership, Spear Education is leading national recruitment efforts to assemble volunteer *Tomorrow's SMILES* clinicians among its renowned faculty and clients. In addition to providing comprehensive restorative functional and esthetic treatment for students without the financial means to pay for the services, Spear volunteer dental professionals will educate students about the importance of good oral health and offer guidance on maintaining their healthy *Tomorrow's SMILES*. In return, *Tomorrow's SMILES* students share these valuable lessons with elementary school children through the program's **Pay-It-Forward** component, ensuring that good oral hygiene habits are instilled early in a child's life.

"Spear Education is thrilled to be a part of NCOHF and all they do for underprivileged children in our communities. It's been a goal of the Spear Education organization to stay involved at all levels within our local community, on a national level, and even globally, and we see NCOHF as a pivotal piece of this goal," expressed Kaleim Manji, Managing Director, Spear Education.

Fern Ingber, NCOHF President and CEO, stated, "We are honored that Spear Education is partnering with NCOHF to create healthy, happier smiles through our *Tomorrow's SMILES* program. By donating their time and services, Spear faculty and clients will renew patients' self-esteem and encourage a newfound responsibility for oral health. With this partnership, Spear Education is giving underserved teens across the nation the tools for a successful future."

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About Spear Education

Spear Education has set the standard in advanced post-graduate dental education. At Spear's state-of-the-art learning facility, an interdisciplinary faculty of internationally recognized experts enables dentists worldwide to find the tools they need to grow clinically and achieve optimal career satisfaction. For more information on Spear Education, visit www.speareducation.com.

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.

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