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Patterson Dental Makes \$30,000 Product Donation to NCOHF Affiliate Network

(Charlotte, NC – January 17, 2011) Patterson Dental continues its ongoing commitment to National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy*[®] by donating more than \$30,000 in dental products to two NCOHF Affiliate oral health programs.

University of Arizona, A.T. Still School of Dentistry, and University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry received a generous donation of composite materials that will aid in delivery of vital services to the at-risk children served in their clinics. Both schools operate comprehensive clinical programs providing preventive, educational and restorative oral health care to local underserved populations.

"Patterson Dental is proud to support the National Children's Oral Health Foundation in improving the quality of life for underserved children and their families," Patterson Dental President Paul Guggenheim said. "We are committed to helping expand oral health services and making a difference in the lives of children served by the NCOHF Affiliate network."

"Patterson Dental has been an invaluable partner in our fight to eliminate preventable pediatric dental disease," said Fern Ingber, NCOHF President and CEO. "We are grateful for their steadfast support, as well as their shared commitment to the health and well-being of our nation's most vulnerable children."

About Patterson Dental

Patterson Dental, a leading distributor of dental products, equipment and technology in the U.S. and Canada, serves as the largest business in the progressive, global Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: PDCO) family of businesses. Patterson is committed to creating value for customers through products, services and lasting relationships. Dental professionals who partner with Patterson enjoy the convenience and peace of mind that come with relying on one trusted source for everything they need.

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.

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