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The National Children's Oral Health Foundation Announces \$102,859 in Grant Awards for Critical Oral Healthcare Initiatives for Underserved Children

(Charlotte, NC—October 16, 2009) The National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy*[®] (NCOHF) recently awarded grants totaling \$102,859 to 10 not-for-profit community, university, and hospital-based dental programs nationwide. Facilities are members of NCOHF's national Affiliate network, dedicated to delivering comprehensive oral health treatment and preventive educational programs to millions of underserved children and their families.

Fern Ingber, NCOHF President and CEO, expressed gratitude to NCOHF donors, stating, "NCOHF is fortunate to have generous individual and corporate partners who share our commitment to eliminate pediatric dental disease, the #1 chronic childhood illness in America. Funding from our dedicated supporters allows NCOHF to continue providing our Affiliates with the resources to give underserved children suffering from pediatric dental disease access to life-changing, smile-saving oral health services." These extraordinary major donors include: **Microdental, Discus Dental and Heraeus Kulzer.**

"We feel very honored to receive this generous support from a great organization, which is truly devoted to the children and their families in underserved communities," praised Dr. Brent Lin, Associate Clinical Professor at University of Southern California – San Francisco (UCSF), which received the Heraeus Toothfairy grant. "In this time of economic difficulty in our state, NCOHF has stepped up and helped to support outreach activities and programs which may otherwise be eliminated due to the current state budget. Your contribution to the most vulnerable population at this difficult time is especially significant, and we are really proud to be affiliated with NCOHF."

National Children's Oral Health Foundation: *America's Toothfairy* (NCOHF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, established with the sole purpose of eliminating the #1 chronic childhood illness: pediatric dental disease, and promoting innovative educational and preventive treatment programs for millions of children with little or no health care coverage. Supporting a growing network of nonprofit community based programs and dental school clinics, NCOHF is dedicated to raising awareness of this debilitating disease, facilitating much-needed comprehensive pediatric oral health solutions, and eliminating preventable pediatric dental disease from future generations.

For more information on the National Children's Oral Health Foundation, please visit www.AmericasToothfairy.org.

Grant awards:

Central Community College – Hastings, NE
Dr. Michael Miller and Mary Conditt Toothfairy Run Grant \$7,500

First Health Dental Care Centers – Southern Pines, NC
Dr. Michael Miller and Mary Conditt Toothfairy Run Grant \$4,800

University of Puerto Rico – San Juan, PR
Toothfairy Grant \$15,000

Dorchester House – Dorchester, MA
Toothfairy Grant \$15,000

Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County – Garden Grove, CA
MicroDental Toothfairy Grant \$13,559.00

Kindersmile Foundation – Montclair, NJ
Toothfairy Grant \$10,000

Valley Community Clinic – North Hollywood, CA
Toothfairy Grant \$10,000

The Children's Dental Center – Inglewood, California
Discus Dental Toothfairy Grant \$5,000

Just Kids Dental Health – Two Harbors, MN
Discus Dental Toothfairy Grant \$7,000

University of California, San Francisco
Heraeus Toothfairy Grant \$15,000

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