



News Release

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**PATTERSON FOUNDATION AWARDS \$25,000 GRANT TO CONEJO FREE CLINIC**

August 24, 2017 (ST. PAUL, Minn.) – At its June board meeting, the Patterson Foundation awarded Conejo Free Clinic \$25,000 in grant funding. The grant will help build a 600-square-foot dental clinic with two patient treatment rooms and infrastructure to treat a minimum of 700 patients in its first year. Conejo Free Clinic hopes to open its doors and begin seeing patients in August. The clinic will provide free dental care to uninsured and underinsured adults and children, including those with special needs.

“The new Conejo Free Clinic was honored to receive our first grant from the Patterson Foundation,” said Teresa Seely, CFC Executive Director. “Their leadership grant is supporting our final construction phase. Our new clinic will be providing free dental care for low income people of all ages through our all-volunteer dental team of private practice dentists, dental hygienists and specialists. All are selflessly giving their professional skills and personal time to care for people who are struggling financially and unable to see a dentist, some for years. In addition to basic dentistry, our clinic will be providing specialized dentistry for children and the elderly free of charge.”

Since 1976, Conejo Free Clinic has served Ventura County and surrounding areas. More than 7,000 children in the area have dental-related emergency room visits each year. With its new clinic, Conejo Free Clinic hopes to provide preventive care to patients to avoid emergency room visits.

“By supporting Conejo Free Clinic, the Patterson Foundation hopes to improve the quality of life for their patients and community,” said Dave Misiak, Patterson Foundation President. “It’s an honor to support the building of this new clinic and help Conejo Free Clinic reach even more patients in the years to come.”

**About the Patterson Foundation**

Patterson Foundation is a private grant-making foundation that awards higher education scholarships to the children of Patterson Companies employees and provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations in the oral health and animal health fields. The Foundation focuses its grants on programs that provide dental care to disadvantaged communities and assistance dogs to veterans and people with disabilities. The Patterson Foundation is funded primarily by current and former employees of Patterson Companies, Inc. Visit [pattersonfoundation.net](http://pattersonfoundation.net) for more information.

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