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**PATTERSON FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$280,000
IN GRANTS TO TEN NONPROFITS**

January 23, 2018 (ST. PAUL, Minn.) – At its December 2017 board meeting, The Patterson Foundation awarded \$281,255 in grant funding to ten nonprofit organizations.

Two of the largest grant recipients this past quarter include:

\$100,000 to Dental Lifeline Network (Denver, CO), to support the National Donated Dental Services program that provides oral health care to the elderly and individuals with disabilities or chronic illnesses who are unable to access care.

“We are humbled by the amazing, long-time support of The Patterson Foundation,” said Fred Leviton, CEO, Dental Lifeline Network. “This generous support will not only strengthen our programs in the states we currently operate our Donated Dental Services program but it will also support additional states allowing us to provide comprehensive dental service nationwide to those who need it most.”

DLN has generated \$363 million in comprehensive dental treatment for 118,000 people with disabilities, or who are elderly or medically fragile, since the first program was launched in 1985. Nationally, nearly 15,000 dentists and 3,400 laboratories volunteer.

\$35,000 to National Education for Assistance Dog Services (NEADS), Inc., (Princeton, MA), for construction costs to help build a new kennel, Early Learning Center and Whelping Center to expand the program’s capacity to place assistance dogs with clients who are deaf or have a disability.

“The improvements we’re making will help us do what we do best – train and place World Class Service Dogs with the people who need them,” said Gerry DeRoche, CEO, NEADS. “NEADS is deeply grateful to the Patterson Foundation for its ongoing support and its important contribution to the Kennel Renovation project.”

The Patterson Foundation is proud to support Dental Lifeline Network, NEADS and all of the December grant recipients. The full list of grantees is available on the [Patterson Foundation website](#).

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 for more information.

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