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PATTERSON FOUNDATION AWARDS $114,400 IN GRANTS TO SEVEN NONPROFITS

November 28, 2017 (St. Paul, MN) – The Patterson Foundation board recently awarded more than $114,000 in grant funding to seven nonprofit organizations.

The two largest grant recipients this past quarter are:

$35,000 to America’s VetDogs, Smithtown, NY, for vehicle improvements to transport puppies to and from Prison Puppy Programs, where future service dogs are cared for and trained by inmate handlers.

“America’s VetDogs is grateful to the Patterson Foundation for their continued support of our programs that serve our nation’s disabled veterans,” says Wells B. Jones, CEO of America’s VetDogs. “The Prison Puppy Programs are vitally important as they provide the base stock of dogs for our service dog programs. Generous donors such as the Patterson Foundation enable us to help those who have served our country honorably live without boundaries.”

$30,000 to America’s Dentists Care Foundation, Wichita, KS, to fund the purchase of a trailer for the transport of dental equipment to Mission of Mercy (MOM) clinics across the country. America’s Dentists Care Foundation is a national non-profit organization that facilitates the delivery of charitable oral health care to the underserved. MOM clinics provide free oral health care to any person who attends on a first come, first served basis.

“Grant support from the Patterson Foundation is, and has been, a key contributor to ADCF’s ability to effectively pursue our mission,” says Bill Blasing, Executive Director of America’s Dentists Care Foundation. “The generous grant that we’ve recently been awarded will allow ADCF to replace our current 45-chair clinic trailer that is no longer road worthy to take our expensive equipment across America. The Patterson Foundation has helped us solve that problem, and in doing so has helped many patients to receive care from quality, well-maintained equipment. We can’t thank the Patterson Foundation enough for their generosity and this much-needed assistance in our mission.”

The full list of grant recipients 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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