3M ESPE donates varnish for NCOHF children’s program

The National Children’s Oral Health Foundation’s (NCOHF) affiliates will soon begin to administer 300,000 doses of varnish to under-served children. 3M ESPE OMNI Preventive Care has generously donated 300,000 doses of varnish to NCOHF. Beginning this month, seven NCOHF Affiliates will implement creative programs in Garden Grove, Huntington Beach and La Puente, Calif.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Olivette, Mo.; and North Wilkesboro, N.C. to deliver the first 75,000 doses to children who otherwise would not receive a varnish treatment.

NCOHF provides technical, educational, financial and product support to a nationwide network of affiliated not-for-profit pediatric facilities that deliver exemplary care. NCOHF’s growing network includes university dental and dental hygiene schools, comprehensive health centers, stand-alone dental clinics, mobile/portable programs, hospital dental clinics, school-based programs and programs that provide education, preventive and referral resources to a dental home.

“3M ESPE is one of NCOHF’s founding corporate underwriters,” OMNI Preventive Care’s additional contribution of varnish is enabling NCOHF Affiliates to expand and enhance efforts to prevent children’s needless pain and suffering from pediatric dental disease,” said Fern Ingher, NCOHF’s president and CEO. “The healthier smiles of the children who are receiving these treatments will underscore our great appreciation for this generous contribution. We are fortunate to have such a great corporate citizen in 3M ESPE!”

One third of U.S. children suffer from serious oral health problems that negatively impact their ability to eat, sleep and learn. Decayed, decayed and abscessed teeth are painful, and can result in severe psychological, social and economic consequences. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 28 percent of children ages two to five have tooth decay. Economically disadvantaged children ages six to 11 are three times more likely to have untreated tooth decay than children whose families are above the poverty line.
Today it's a corporate giant with JPY 450 billion (4.5 billion USD) in net sales. In 2008 Kuraray's synthetic products command top shares in their market worldwide, from resins and chemicals used in packaging to cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and manmade leather goods. In short, Kuraray's products impact every aspect of our lives.

Among the company's innovative roster of products is the anti-bacterial bonding agent Clearfil Protect Bond. Clearfil's self-etching bonding agent offers an antibacterial cavity-cleansing effect for any type of restorative treatment. Another Kuraray product is Panavia F2.0 universal self-etching resin cement, which is both dual-cure and fluoride-releasing.

Established in 1926 in Kurashiki City, after World War II the company commercialized the synthetic fiber Kuralon, which was invented in Japan. From there Kuraray developed a series of unique businesses, including the manmade leather Cla-rino, non-woven fabrics Kuraflex, and Magic Tape hook-and-loop fastener material.

In the chemicals and functional materials fields, the Company's products include pival resin, with its water soluble and adhesive properties, the efficient gas barrier material Eval, the world's only synthetic isoprene chemical products, meth-acrylic resin, which has special optical properties, and medical products such as dental materials and artificial kidneys.

Going forward, the company aims to expand business to achieve a staggering JPY 100 billion (951 million USD) more in net sales and JPY 10 billion (95 million USD) more in operating income, achieved through implementation of various strategic projects, including new business creation.

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