



American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

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**AAOMS & Henry Schein Cares Foundation team up to support
oral and maxillofacial surgery care for at-risk patients worldwide**

***Henry Schein Cares Foundation to help finance mission trips for surgeons
volunteering their skills to treat the underserved***

Rosemont, IL, May 16, 2016 – The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation have renewed their partnership to support surgeons who work to save the faces and lives of vulnerable patients worldwide.

For a second consecutive year, the AAOMS – Henry Schein Cares Foundation Global Outreach Program will provide grants to support OMSs volunteering their surgical skills in the United States or in underserved communities around the world. The program honors the spirit of volunteerism among these surgeons, whose work helps to reverse deformities and other medical issues so that the patients can lead more healthy and active lives.

The Program provides four \$2,500 cash grants to help offset the expenses of four oral and maxillofacial surgeons planning to volunteer on a U.S. or international health care mission. In addition, recipients will be able to select up to \$2,000 in products from the Henry Schein catalog for use during their mission.

Applications for the program will be accepted through Friday, August 5, 2016. Selected recipients will be notified on Friday, September 20, 2016. For more information, including rules, applications, and timeline, please visit <http://www.aaoms.org/GlobalOutreach>.

“Oral pathology and disease are not confined by national borders or prosperity,” said AAOMS President Dr. Lou Rafetto. “Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are among the first to volunteer their surgical skills on dental and medical missions that treat indigent and underserved patients around the world. The AAOMS – Henry Schein Cares Foundation Global Outreach Program recognizes

their important contributions to the health and welfare of patients around the globe. We are proud to work with an organization that shares our commitment to surgically treating the faces, mouths and jaws of patients in need.”

The AAOMS thanks the Henry Schein Cares Foundation for recognizing and supporting the efforts of oral and maxillofacial surgeons who give back to the community.

“The work performed by oral and maxillofacial surgeons is nothing less than life-changing, and it is incredibly rewarding to be able to support their efforts to treat our society’s most vulnerable patients,” said Steven W. Kess, President of the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, Inc. “The Henry Schein Cares Foundation is dedicated to ‘helping health happen,’ and we look forward to working with this year’s grant recipients to help those in need.”

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The experts in face, mouth and jaw surgery™ - The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) is the professional organization representing more than 10,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons, OMS residents and professional allied staff in the United States. AAOMS supports its fellows’ and members’ ability to practice their specialty through education, research and advocacy. AAOMS fellows and members comply with rigorous continuing education requirements and submit to periodic office anesthesia evaluations. For additional information about oral and maxillofacial surgery, visit the AAOMS website at <http://www.aaoms.org>.

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Established in 2008, the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, carries out its mission through financial and health care product donations that support health care professionals and community-based programs focused on prevention, wellness, treatment, and education; disaster preparedness and relief; and capacity building of health institutions that provide training and care. To learn more about the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, please visit: www.hscaresfoundation.org.