



**California Dental Association Becomes Founding Partner of
Innovative Educational Center**

CDA donates \$25,000 to Powerhouse Science Center

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Sacramento, Calif. — The California Dental Association has approved a \$25,000 donation to the Powerhouse Science Center – joining other community leaders as a founding partner of the project. CDA provided the financial contribution as part of a proactive approach to increase public oral health education. The donation will be used to support the development of the science center, including a section dedicated to oral health.

A dental traveling exhibit, proposed for the first floor of the museum and slated to open in 2013, would provide opportunities to improve the oral health literacy of children, especially the underserved population. The “Exploring Ourselves” exhibit will also showcase some of the advancements in dentistry over the years, as well as promote the various careers available in dentistry.

“We are thrilled to be a founding partner for such a creative and educational science center,” said CDA Immediate Past President Andrew Soderstrom, DDS, a pediatric dentist. “The Powerhouse Science Center offers an outstanding opportunity for CDA and the dental profession to have a significant impact on children and assuring that they maintain good oral health.”

The 30,000-square-foot museum will consist of a four-story interactive, hands-on science center, including space, robotics, environmental and traveling exhibits, science labs, archeological digs and wildlife shows. The Center will replace a PG&E power station along the Sacramento River adjacent to Interstate 5. The Smithsonian-affiliated science center will be an expansion of the current Discovery Museum that has existed in Sacramento for 57 years.

Also included in the Center’s development plans is a 150-seat planetarium, Expanded Challenger Learning Center and riverside restaurant, café, bookstore and gift shop. The showplace for science and technology is expected to attract an estimated 200,000 visitors per year while serving as a resource for educational institutions and a unique location for special events.

About the California Dental Association

The California Dental Association is the non-profit organization representing organized dentistry in California. Founded in 1870, CDA is committed to the success of our members in service to their patients and the public. CDA also contributes to the oral health of Californians through various comprehensive programs and advocacy. CDA’s membership consists of more than 25,000 dentists, making it the largest constituent of the American Dental Association. For more information, visit cda.org.

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