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## **Dental Insurer United Concordia Helps Louisiana State University Recover Following Hurricane Devastation**

*\$ 5,000 Contribution Helps School of Dentistry Continue to Train Dental Professionals*

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Dec. 30, 2005) – Although several months have passed since hurricanes ravaged the Gulf Coast, impacted homeowners, businesses, corporations, government agencies, non-profit organizations, retail companies and educational institutions like Louisiana State University (LSU), continue to focus on rebuilding. United Concordia Companies Inc., one of the nation's largest dental insurers, recognized the need to help and stepped in to help LSU rebuild what hurricane Katrina stripped away in late August.

“The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, the state's only dental school, received extensive damage due to flooding. United Concordia is pleased to provide a \$ 5,000 financial gift to the school to assist in their recovery efforts,” said United Concordia Vice President Dr. Larry McKinley, who recently presented a check to the dean of the University's Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, Dr. Eric J. Hovland, DDS, MEd., MBA.

“America and the world watched in horror as news reports came in following hurricane Katrina, and we all were distressed by the damage and dislocation the storm caused. In addition to employees' individual contributions to hurricane relief, which were matched by our parent company, we at United Concordia wanted very much to help the Louisiana dental community in some way,” said Dr. McKinley. “LSU's School of Dentistry is essential to the clinical training and continuing education of Louisiana dental professionals, and we are pleased to assist in its recovery.”

“We at the dental school appreciate United Concordia's gift. We're currently operating from the LSU South Campus in Baton Rouge, as our New Orleans campus suffered significant flood damage.

This gift is very welcome as we continue to train dental professionals to serve Louisianans from our interim facilities and we begin the process of rebuilding in New Orleans,” noted Dr. Hovland.

### **About the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry**

Founded in 1968, the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry has educated more than 70 percent of the dental professionals practicing in Louisiana today. Since its inception, the school has educated more than 2200 dental professionals. LSUSD offers degrees in dentistry, dental hygiene, dental laboratory technology, and in advanced education, certificates in pediatric dentistry, endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, maxillofacial prosthetics, and general practice residency. It offers the combined certificate in oral and maxillofacial surgery and doctor of medicine degree, and a Master of Science in oral biology. LSUSD is a primary provider of continuing education for dental professionals in Louisiana offering more than 1800 continuing education courses annually. Since extensive flood damage at its New Orleans campus caused by Hurricane Katrina, LSUSD has been operating at the South Campus of LSU in Baton Rouge.

For more information about the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, visit <http://www.lsusd.lsuhscc.edu/>.

### **About United Concordia**

United Concordia Companies Inc. headquartered in Harrisburg, PA, is one of the nation’s largest group dental insurers with more than 6.5 million members worldwide. In 2004, United Concordia processed more than 11 million claims and attained revenues of \$1 billion. For more information about United Concordia, visit [www.unitedconcordia.com](http://www.unitedconcordia.com).

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