

## The Holiday Season Is Made Brighter for Less Fortunate Families Through Henry Schein's Eleventh Annual Holiday Cheer Program

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### **Team Schein Members generously sponsor local area children to help make their holiday wishes come true**

MELVILLE, N.Y., Dec 24, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Henry Schein, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSIC), the largest distributor of health care products and services to office-based practitioners, brightened the holiday season for nearly 1,000 children and their families this year through the Company's Holiday Cheer program. Founded in 1999, Henry Schein's Holiday Cheer program is a flagship initiative of the Company's global social responsibility program, Henry Schein Cares.

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As part of the Holiday Cheer, individual children are sponsored by Team Schein Members, who contribute their own time and money to ensure that each child's holiday wishes come true. Clothing, toys, games, and other gifts were presented to participating children and their families at special holiday celebration events held at many Henry Schein locations around the world. Many festivities included a holiday dinner, entertainment, candy and popcorn machines, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and much more.

Henry Schein partnered with various local social service organizations to help identify families in need. In New York, worldwide headquarters for Henry Schein, the Company worked with MercyFirst, Madonna Heights, Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, Nassau County Department of Social Services, Mpowering Kids, Family Service League, and Family and Children's Association.

"All of Team Schein share the Company's deep commitment to giving back to the communities in which we operate," said Gerry Benjamin, Henry Schein's Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Vice President. "The enthusiasm with which Team Schein Members embrace this philosophy of corporate citizenship is clearly demonstrated through the wonderful success of the Holiday Cheer program every year. I am proud of Team Schein for helping to make this holiday season a special one for many families in our communities."

Henry Schein Cares helps narrow the disparity in the delivery of health care services and information to underserved communities in the United States and abroad. The Company uses its core competencies to provide resources that support programs in five key areas of focus: access to care; advocacy and education; community wellness; health diplomacy; and humanitarian relief, disaster preparedness and response. For five consecutive years, Henry Schein has been ranked number one in its industry for social responsibility by Fortune's list of the World's Most Admired Companies.

#### *About Henry Schein*

Henry Schein, a Fortune 500(R) company and a member of the NASDAQ 100(R) Index, is recognized for its excellent customer service and highly competitive prices. The Company's four business groups - Dental, Medical, International and Technology - serve more than 575,000 customers worldwide, including dental practitioners and laboratories, physician practices and animal health clinics, as well as government and other institutions. The Company operates through a centralized and automated distribution network, which provides customers in more than 200 countries with a comprehensive selection of more than 90,000 national and Henry Schein private-brand products in stock, as well as more than 100,000 additional products available as special-order items. Henry Schein also provides exclusive, innovative technology offerings for dental, medical and veterinary professionals, including value-added practice management software and electronic health record solutions.

Headquartered in Melville, N.Y., Henry Schein employs more than 12,500 people and has operations or affiliates in 23 countries. The Company's net sales reached a record \$6.4 billion in 2008. For more information, visit the Henry Schein Web site at [www.henryschein.com](http://www.henryschein.com).

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