

Astellas Pharma Inc.: Marking 15th Anniversary Donation from Employee-Run Social Contribution Fund, “Flying Star Fund”

Tokyo, December, 1, 2010— [Astellas Pharma Inc.](#) (“Astellas”; President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) announced that the “Flying Star Fund,” a social contribution fund run by employees, has marked the 15th anniversary, and donated to the following three NPOs which are engaged in volunteer activities in pediatric wards. The activities supported by this donation are expected to bring a smile to faces of hospitalized children struggling with their illnesses and match the wish of Astellas’ employees, delivering courage to all the patients in order to overcome their illnesses.

Summary of Marking 15th Anniversary Donation

1. Donation of Toy Boxes for “Hospital Caravans”

Three toy boxes filled with world’s toys go round in pediatric wards in Japan. With the hope that children in the pediatric ward can forget their pain and stress resulted from illness even a little by playing with the toys, and accordingly live a pleasant and fulfilling life in hospitals, the toys will be utilized for relieving their symptoms under doctors’ instructions.

<Donation recipient>

Japan Good Toy Committee, NPO

< Hospitals to receive the toy box, selected by the above NPO >

National Center Child Health and Development (Tokyo), and others

2. Support for Activities of Clowns in Pediatric Wards

The clowns making regular visits to the pediatric wards to entertain hospitalized children are the specialists who support their growth through playing and communicating, and bring a smile. Our support will help the creation of better environments, in which children with a lot of limits due to medical practices can laugh tremendously and play on their own initiatives.

<Donation recipient 1>

Japan CliniClowns Association, NPO (Osaka)

< Hospitals to receive the clowns, selected by the above NPO>

- Gunma Children’s Medical Center (Gunma)
- Toyama University Hospital (Toyama)

<Donation recipient 2>

Japan Hospital Clowns Association, NPO (Aichi)

< Hospitals to receive the clowns, selected by the above NPO >

- Tokyo Metropolitan Hiroo Hospital (Tokyo)
- Tokyo Metropolitan Bokutoh Hospital (Tokyo)
- Kanazawa Medical University Hospital (Ishikawa)

The Flying Star Fund was launched in September 1996, primarily by employees aiming to make a sustainable social contribution, at however modest a level. Employees freely participate in this fund at their own discretion. Approximately 5,300 Astellas Group employees in Japan currently contribute to

the fund. Members of the fund allocate funds of 100 yen every month from their salaries. Astellas matches that amount and makes annual donations based on it. The fund's name "Flying Star" is the name of the Astellas' corporate symbol meaning "a beautiful shining star moving toward the future."

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