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The Cooper Companies, CooperVision and Their Employees Donate \$100,000 to Support Optometry Giving Sight's 2012 World Sight Day Challenge

PLEASANTON, Calif., Nov. 29, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) today announced \$100,000 has been donated to Optometry Giving Sight in support of the 2012 World Sight Day Challenge. Employees in over 30 locations worldwide participated in a global fundraising campaign and organized local activities to help raise funds for the 2012 World Sight Day Challenge. To support its subsidiary, CooperVision, and the charitable efforts of employees worldwide, The Cooper Companies proudly matched all employee donations.

In describing the Company's participation, Robert S. Weiss, President and CEO, The Cooper Companies, Inc., said, "I am extremely proud of the outstanding efforts of all our employees in uniting together to support Optometry Giving Sight's 2012 World Sight Day Challenge. Our employees embraced this effort by holding fundraising campaigns around the world, demonstrating a shared passion to a worthy cause."

Clive Miller, Global CEO of Optometry Giving Sight, commented, "This truly is a fantastic outcome and our sincere thanks to everyone involved. The funds raised will have a huge impact on our efforts to support projects that provide affordable and accessible eye and vision care to the millions of people in need globally."

About The Cooper Companies

The Cooper Companies, Inc. ("Cooper") is a global medical device company publicly traded on the NYSE Euronext (NYSE:COO). Cooper is dedicated to being A Quality of Life Company™ with a focus on delivering shareholder value. Cooper operates through two business units, CooperVision and CooperSurgical. CooperVision brings a refreshing perspective on vision care with a commitment to crafting a wide range of high-quality products for contact lens wearers and providing focused practitioner support. CooperSurgical focuses on supplying women's health clinicians with market leading products and treatment options to improve the delivery of healthcare to women. Headquartered in Pleasanton, CA, Cooper has over 7,500 employees with products sold in over 100 countries. For more information, please visit www.coopercos.com.

About Optometry Giving Sight

Optometry Giving Sight is the only global fundraising initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error — simply the need for an eye examination and glasses. It was created in 2003 by the World Council of Optometry, the International Centre for Eyecare Education and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness as a means of mobilising resources from the global optometric community to fund the development of sustainable vision care projects in communities where these do not currently exist.

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