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National Inventors Month: Dane Scarborough revolutionizes the toy industry

A Wisconsin company applauds Dane Scarborough during National Inventors Month

BELOIT, Wis.—Thomas Edison, one of the most famous inventors of all time, once said, “To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk.” Dane Scarborough, inventor of Patch Products popular construction toy, *ÜberStix*[™], took that statement to heart.

At the onset of National Inventors Month, Patch Products would like to recognize Dane Scarborough, for his creativity, passion and breakthrough in the construction toy industry.

Dane’s invention, *ÜberStix*, puts a unique twist on construction building toys. *ÜberStix* is engineered to work independently and integrate with all major build systems such as *Lego*[®], *K’NEX*[®], *Erector*[®], Tinkertoys[®], *Zoobs*[®] and *Zome*[®]. Kids and parents love this because toys they already have will not be forgotten or wasted—*ÜberStix* will just add to them! An *ÜberStix* collection can also be expanded using everyday items such as paper clips for connection points, *Popsicle*[®] sticks as foundations for tall buildings, plastic bottles as floatation devices and spoons for catapults. It allows for limitless creativity and is a greener way to play.

ÜberStix teaches people to have an eye on the future of their planet through upcycling. Scarborough points out that it’s easier and better than recycling, which usually involves costs and energy. He likes to “encourage kids to use existing products for a higher purpose—upcycling.” They get to make use of disposable items by turning them into building materials for toys and get bigger models for less money.

National Inventors Month is an event meant to raise awareness for the ingenuity and creativity of inventors. This month is sponsored by several organizations, including United Inventors Association of the USA, Inventors’ Digest and the Academy of Applied Science.

Celebrate the art of invention and find other exciting inventors in your area or around the nation!

Patch Products, headquartered in Beloit, Wis., is a leading manufacturer and marketer of family entertainment products. Games, puzzles, activity kits, collegiate-licensed foam sports toys and classroom teaching tools are the core product lines. Top-selling brands include *Buzzword*[®], *What’s Yours Like?*[®], *Toss Up!*[®], *Swap!*[®], *Smethport*[™], *Lauri*[®], *Tall-Stacker*[™] and *Wooly Willy*[®]. For more information, visit patchproducts.com.

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