

Edwards Lifesciences Foundation 2007 Grantees

2007 COMMUNITY GRANTS

California Society for Biomedical Research

“The Science Behind Health Choices” (\$5,000)

The funds will be used toward the development and publication of a curriculum for middle school students in California that will focus on the scientific causes and effects of health conditions and diseases, proactive and preventive choices, and the role of behavior and risk exposure.

Deborah Hospital Foundation

(\$5,000)

These funds will support the foundation’s objective to have an alternative for cardiovascular disease patients in Puerto Rico who are in need of specialized diagnostic studies and open heart surgery.

Discovery Arts

“Arts Adventures” (\$5,000)

This program will provide fun, interactive explorations of music, dance, art and drama to strengthen the emotional health of children in Orange County with life threatening and critical illnesses.

Irvine Adult Day Health Services

(\$5,000)

Funds will help provide care and services for at-risk frail, elderly and disabled adults in Irvine, who otherwise would not have the means to participate in the center’s programs.

Boy Scouts of America, Orange County Council

“Learning for Life, At-Risk Promise Program” (\$5,000)

These funds will support the Learning for Life, At-Risk Promise Program, which addresses the unhealthy behaviors of at-risk and disadvantaged youth in Orange County by helping them to get “back on track” with their lives to reach positive goals, build self-esteem and learn about respect and responsibility.

Orange County High School of the Arts Foundation

“2007-2008 Camp OCHSA” (\$5,000)

These funds will help the foundation to offer two eight-week sessions of classes free of charge in dance, music, creative writing and visual arts to low-income Santa Ana children.

South County Senior Services Florence Sylvester Memorial Senior Center

“Project Independence” (\$5,000)

Funds donated to “Project Independence” will provide resources and improve the quality of life for the 2,000 Orange County seniors served by this organization by promoting health, wellness, nutritional well-being and socialization.

Sutter Pacific Heart Centers

“2nd Annual Physician Symposium Series: Current Topics in Cardiovascular Medicine: Translating State of the Art Diagnosis into Clinical Practice” (\$5,000)

This program will focus on the current diagnostic and treatment modalities and the emerging trends available for disease prevention and diagnosing and treating patients with cardiovascular and peripheral vascular disease.

The Society for Women's Health Research

“OSSD 2nd Annual Meeting” (\$5,000)

These funds will support the OSSD 2nd Annual Meeting in June 2008, which will focus on a variety of topics including a panel on gender differences in cardiovascular disease.

Vital Link Orange County

“Career Awareness Forums” (\$5,000)

Funding will help to create a venue where high school students and educators in Orange County are able to learn about a variety of careers and make the connection to how they fit into the working world.

Edward Foundation

“Women's Heart Health” (\$7,500)

These funds will help to establish a community outreach program in Naperville, Illinois and its surrounding communities for heart health directed toward high-risk women of limited financial means and their children.

The project will include informational programming and screenings for cholesterol, peripheral vascular and coronary artery disease.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Utah

“Wish Granting for Children with Cardiac Illnesses” (\$7,500)

Funds will allow wishes to be granted for children in Utah between the ages of 3-18 with cardiac illnesses.

Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation

“Cardiovascular Symposium (CVS): Cardiology Update 2008” (\$7,500)

These funds will enable the CVS to provide a full day of continuing medical education to cardiologists, internists, primary care physicians, emergency room physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers who manage patients with cardiovascular disease, presenting the latest information on the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

South Coast Repertory

“Corporate Circle Education Fund” (\$7,500)

This grant will help to support a variety of educational and outreach programs designed to benefit children in underserved communities of Orange County.

American Diabetes Association

“Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk” (\$10,000)

These funds will help support the 2007 Orange County Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk, which seeks to generate funds to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of people affected by this disease.

American Red Cross, Biomedical Services - Southern California Region

“Leaders for Life” (\$10,000)

Funding will support the “Leaders for Life” program, which facilitates blood drives for patients in need in Orange, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Diego counties.

California Heart Connection

“Congenital Heart Disease Seminar” (\$10,000)

California Heart Connection will use these funds to conduct a seminar in Southern California presented by medical professionals geared toward educating parents and families of children with congenital heart defects about these diseases.

Camp del Corazon

“Summer Camp for Children with Heart Disease” (\$10,000)

Camp del Corazon will use the funds toward supporting their annual summer camping program in Malibu for children with cardiovascular disease from California, Arizona, Nevada, the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

“The Heart Institute at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles” (\$10,000)

These funds will help support the highest quality of care for children in Los Angeles with cardiac defects or diseases by contributing to the areas of greatest need within the Heart Institute.

Discovery Science Center

“Making the Grade Fieldtrip Scholarships” (\$10,000)

These funds will help underwrite the cost for 576 Orange County students to attend a Discovery Science Center field trip. In addition, the program provides an innovative curriculum and workshops to equip educators with new skills and techniques to teach science and math.

Heart to Heart Mission

“Heart Surgery for Underserved in the Dominican Republic” (\$10,000)

Funds will be used to provide cardiac surgery for patients in the Dominican Republic who cannot afford treatment.

The program will also focus on training young doctors to treat these patients and educating local residents about the prevention of cardiac disease.

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Orange County

“Hearts and Minds” (\$10,000)

Funding will help to teach mentally ill patients about self care, particularly for heart disease, which will enable them to make changes to improve their physical health.

Project Tomorrow

“Science Docent Program” (\$10,000)

These funds will be used to train high school students to become science docents by developing hands-on science lessons, which they will teach to elementary school students.

Share Our Selves

“SOS Chronic Care Program” (\$10,000)

Funding will help this organization serve approximately 800 underserved patients annually in Orange County who have no other access to health care.

Volunteer Center of Orange County

“Kid Healthy Steps” (\$10,000)

These funds will be used to support a fitness and nutrition program that measurably increases physical activity and consumption of fruits and vegetables among low-income school children.

Orangewood Children’s Foundation

“Children’s Trust Fund” (\$12,000)

These funds will be used to provide financial, educational and emergency assistance to current and former foster youth who are pursuing a college degree.

American Heart Association: Orange County

“2008 Start! Orange County Heart Walk” (\$15,000)

These funds will help support the 2008 Orange County Heart Walk, which will help fund key cardiovascular research and education programs.

American Heart Association: Puerto Rico

“Heart Walk” (\$15,000)

These funds will support the 2008 Puerto Rico Heart Walk, which will help fund key cardiovascular research and education programs.

Golden West College Foundation

“Nursing School Expansion Program” (\$15,000)

Golden West College will use the funding to support a weekend nursing program that graduates 50 to 100 nurses every two years who will serve Orange County hospitals, clinics and doctors’ offices.

Goodwill Industries of Orange County

“ATEC Children's Services” (\$15,000)

These funds will support the Assistive Technology Institute, which was established to educate public school teachers and parents about the latest communication technology available to help children with disabilities.

MIND Research Institute

“Teacher Development and School Support” (\$15,000)

This grant will help fund the training and support that MIND provides to participating schools and teachers in Orange County.

Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, Children’s Outpatient Services

“Pediatric Cardiology Outpatient Services” (\$15,000)

The focus of this project is to increase the activities of children in northern California with cardiac disease and make them aware of the importance of preventive measures beginning earlier in life.

Walter Sisulu Paediatric Cardiac Centre for Africa

(\$15,000)

These funds will be used to perform cardiac surgery on the underprivileged children of Africa who have been diagnosed with correctible cardiac conditions. The centre currently treats 40 children per year.

2007 HEALTH GRANTS**Newark Beth Israel Medical Center**

“4th Annual Health Care System Cardiovascular Symposium, Progress in the Treatment of Cardiovascular Diseases: 2007” (\$5,000)

Donated funds will support this one-day continuing medical education symposium, which will focus on the management and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Miracle Flights for Kids

“Miracle Flights for Cardiovascular Patients” (\$15,000)

These funds will provide free medical flights in the U.S. to help families overcome financial obstacles in order to get access to the proper medical care and treatment for their seriously ill children.

Children’s HeartLink

“Training Minds and Saving Lives” (\$25,000)

Children’s HeartLink will use these funds to help empower 13 regional cardiac centers in eight developing countries to build sustainable programs for the prevention, treatment and cure of pediatric heart disease.

Heart to Heart International Children's Medical Alliance

“Into the Heartland Campaign” (\$25,000)

Into the Heartland is specifically designed to give children in the heartland of Russia access to life-saving modern heart care for the first time by developing regional centers of excellence in five of Russia’s seven “super regions,” where children have very limited or no access to open-heart surgery.

Hillcrest Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic Hospital

“Chest Pain Center” (\$25,000)

Funding will enable the center to provide emergency intensive cardiac treatment by employing specialists in chest pain and providing emergency assessment of patients in northeast Ohio with symptoms of acute coronary syndrome.

Lenox Hill Hospital

“3rd Annual New York ACE Meeting” (\$25,000)

These funds will support a five-day continuing medical education program focused on advances in cardiac and endovascular therapies, which will be delivered via live case demonstrations, lectures and panel discussions.

St. Joseph Hospital of Orange

“From the Heart” (\$25,000)

Funds will support the “From the Heart” program, which will increase the awareness of underserved members of Orange County regarding cardiovascular disease and its prevention and treatment. The program also seeks to increase access to care.

The Mended Hearts

“Mended Little Hearts” (\$25,000)

Funding will allow this organization to provide resources, educational information and support to families nationwide affected by the heart defect or cardiovascular disease of a child.

University Hospitals Case Medical Center

“Improving Cardiac Outcomes in an Inner City Population” (\$25,000)

These funds will help to address and study the cardiac health disparities of underserved patient populations in Ohio through a clinical research program held at the Heart Failure Clinic in Cleveland.

Utah Science Center

“The Heart of Utah” (\$25,000)

This project combines decision making and critical thinking skills with interactive exhibits and game-based learning to help people in Utah understand cardiovascular disease and their options for prevention or treatment.

Adult Congenital Heart Association

“Don't Get Lost Campaign” (\$30,000)

This campaign will include targeted outreach to patients, families and health care providers throughout the U.S., to promote awareness through educational materials of the life-long cardiac care needs of congenital heart patients.

International Hospital for Children

“Project Guatemala - Healing Hearts” (\$34,000)

This program will help to increase access to pediatric cardiac care for Guatemalan children.

Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation

“Success with Failure: Congestive Heart Failure Educator/Advocate Program” (\$41,300)

This program will provide education and expand awareness of congestive heart failure to the underserved population in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Hoag Hospital Foundation

“Heart Valve Screening and Education for Orange County Seniors” (\$50,000)

The Hoag Heart Valve Center will use these funds to provide free heart valve screening and an educational program to 250 Orange County senior citizens in 2008.

Partners in Health and the Brigham and Women's Hospital Division

of Cardiac Surgery “Rheumatic Heart Disease in Rwanda: Surgery and Prevention” (\$50,000)

Funding will assist in offering life-saving operations to young adults in Rwanda with rheumatic heart disease who otherwise would not receive care. Funding will also provide training to local health center employees enabling them to better serve the population with rheumatic heart disease in southeastern Rwanda.

The HeartGift Foundation

“Mending Hearts” (\$50,000)

Funds will be used to support humanitarian pediatric cardiothoracic surgery for children from developing countries. Funding will be applied toward direct medical care delivered at the Children’s Hospital of Austin, as well as expenses associated with housing the child and their caregiver while in the U.S.

Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute

“Familial Cardiovascular Disease Initiative” (\$50,000)

These funds will help to provide clinical and genetic screening and follow-up to at-risk family members of patients in the southeast region of the U.S. with known inherited cardiovascular disorders.

Conemaugh Health Foundation

“Diabetes-Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program: Healthy Family” (\$55,797)

These funds will support the Conemaugh Health System’s Cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention Center in conjunction with the Diabetes Institute to promote education, screening and treatment for people in Pennsylvania with diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

International Children’s Heart Foundation

“Pediatric Cardiac Training, Education and Clinical Services for Santiago, Dominican Republic and Kabul, Afghanistan” (\$85,000)

These funds will support volunteer trips made by a team of U.S. cardiac surgeons and clinicians to provide free cardiac surgery for children with heart defects in Santiago, Dominican Republic and Kabul, Afghanistan.

Alliance for Aging Research

“Aortic Stenosis in Seniors – Physician Education” (\$100,000)

The Alliance will research, produce and disseminate materials for physicians that focus on the diagnosis, communication and treatment of aortic stenosis. The materials will help dispel common misconceptions about the disease and increase awareness for patients, their caregivers and their families, as well as highlight the available treatment options, including new technologies.

Surgeons of Hope Foundation

“From Maputo to Dakar” (\$100,000)

Surgeons of Hope will use these funds to support a humanitarian medical mission, in which two teams of U.S. surgeons and clinicians will travel to Maputo and Dakar, Africa for 10 days to provide much-needed cardiovascular care to the underserved population.

The Larry King Cardiac Foundation

“Save A Heart A Day” (\$100,000)

Funds will support the program’s goal to Save a Heart a Day. The foundation supports life-saving treatment for individuals in the U.S. who, due to limited means or no insurance, would otherwise be unable to receive the cardiac-related surgeries and care they need.

Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE)

“Transcatheter Training for Surgeons” (\$100,000)

Funds will support fellowships to offer comprehensive training programs for cardiothoracic surgeons to provide them with the knowledge and skills required for performing transcatheter-based heart valve replacement procedures.