

Edwards Lifesciences Foundation 2006 Grantees

2006 COMMUNITY GRANTS

California Society for Biomedical Research

“Challenges in Research” (\$3,500)

The California Society for Biomedical Research will use these funds to create informational material that will expand awareness about different diseases, and facilitate high school students’ science education by introducing terminology and concepts that can be incorporated into a curriculum aligned with California state and national science standards.

A Heart for Sports

“Cardiac Screening Program” (\$5,000)

A Heart for Sports will use funding to offer free-of-charge on-site EKG and echocardiogram screenings for young adults in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, ages 13-22, who unknowingly, could have undetected heart conditions that contribute to sudden cardiac death.

Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)

“Congenital Heart Disease Patient Reunion and Symposium” (\$5,000)

CHOC will use these funds to host a February 2007 reunion for children and their families who have congenital heart disease. In addition, they will host an educational symposium for the parents.

Discovery Science Center

“Making the Grade Fieldtrip Scholarships” (\$5,000)

These funds will help underwrite the cost for 647 students to attend a Science Center field trip. In addition, teachers will receive “Making the Grade” classroom curriculum materials.

Fundación Dr. Raul García Rinaldi

“Community Screening Clinics” (\$5,000)

This organization will use funding to provide help to indigent patients in Puerto Rico with cardiovascular diseases, educational and prevention programs, and conduct research on cardiovascular diseases.

Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc.

“Irvine Adult Day Health Services” (\$5,000)

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

Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation

“Expanded Promotoras (Community Health Advisors) Program” (\$5,000)

These funds will be used to expand the training of Promotoras (Community Health Advisors) to include prevention and awareness of cardiovascular disease, which will provide health education to uninsured/underinsured adults in the South Bay/Harbor area of Los Angeles.

Camp Invention, a.k.a. National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation/Invent Now, Inc.

“Camp Invention” (\$5,000)

Camp Invention will use these funds for summer camp scholarships which will provide hands-on, invention-focused science and math activities presented in a dramatic and engaging way that unlocks the creativity of children ages 6-11.

Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center

“In-Home Parent Empowerment” (\$5,000)

Funding will support the “In-Home Parent Empowerment” program which provides family-centered and culturally-sensitive, in-home parent education and family support services for those families identified as being at risk for child abuse and family violence.

Orange County Ronald McDonald House

“The House that Love Built” (\$5,000)

These funds will provide a safe, supportive, caring environment for families that have a seriously ill child in the hospital.

Working Wardrobes for a New Start

“Career Development Center” (\$5,000)

Funds will help assist low-income clients in crisis with job readiness and life skills workshops, job placement services, resume writing courses, career consultation services, and a retail training program.

American Heart Association: Puerto Rico Division

“2007 Western Puerto Rico Heart Walk” (\$10,000)

These funds will support the 2007 Western Puerto Rico Heart Walk, which will help further fund key cardiovascular research and education programs.

American Red Cross, Southern California Region

“Leaders for Life Program” (\$10,000)

Funding will support the “Leaders for Life Program,” part of the Blood Donation Program of Southern California Blood Region, which facilitates blood drives and blood donation activities for patients in need in Orange, Ventura, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties.

California Heart Connection

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

California Heart Connection will use these funds to conduct a seminar presented by medical professionals on issues affecting those with congenital heart defects.

Camp del Corazon

“Summer Camp” (\$10,000)

Camp del Corazon will use the funds towards supporting their annual summer camping program for children with cardiovascular disease.

Deborah Hospital Foundation – Puerto Rico Chapter

“20th Anniversary of Puerto Rico Chapter” (\$10,000)

Deborah Hospital Foundation will use these funds to commemorate 20 years of continued service and support to the Puerto Rico community and also to allow for a more significant contribution to the Deborah Heart and Lung Center and the Deborah Research Institute.

Goodwill Industries of Orange County

“Assistive Technology Institute” (\$10,000)

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

Main Line Health Heart Center

“Her Loving Heart: Women Caring About Heart Disease” (\$10,000)

Main Line Health Heart Center will use these funds to produce and deliver a live “webinar” promoting an understanding of women’s unique risk of heart disease, signs and symptoms, and prevention through nutrition and physical activity.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Orange County

“Website Refurbishment” (\$10,000)

These funds will allow for the creation and maintenance of an interactive volunteer resource website to assist with volunteer recruitment and training through the entire wish granting process, which usually lasts six months from start to end.

Project Tomorrow

“Science Docent Program” (\$10,000)

These funds will be used to train high school students as docents to develop hands-on science lessons in Earth, Life, and Physical science and teach them to elementary school students.

YMCA of Orange County, Community Services Branch

“Kid Healthy: Steps to Healthy Living” (\$10,000)

The YMCA will put these funds toward a fitness and nutrition program that will positively influence the development of healthy behaviors among children in order to prevent the onset of hypertension and other cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and obesity.

Orangewood Children’s Foundation

“Higher Education for Former Foster Youth” (\$12,000)

These funds will be used to underwrite college scholarships for foster children and emancipated youth. This grant will provide scholarships to two students.

American Heart Association: Orange County Division

“2007 Orange County Heart Walk” (\$15,000)

These funds will help support the 2007 Orange County Heart Walk, which will help further fund key cardiovascular research and education programs.

Golden West College Foundation

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

Golden West College will use funding to implement a weekend nursing program to educate an additional 240 nurses over the next five years. This is in addition to the daytime program that educates 100 each year.

Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America

“Learning for Life, At Risk Program” (\$15,000)

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

2006 HEALTH GRANTS**Children’s HeartLink**

“Sustainable Pediatric Cardiac Care for Children in Poverty” (\$25,000)

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

The Grandview Foundation

“Cassano Cardiac Clinic” (\$25,000)

This grant will be used to bring cardiac care and education to clinic patients at Cassano Health Center, Grandview’s primary care clinic for the underserved in Dayton, Ohio.

The Mended Hearts, Inc.

“Mended Little Hearts” (\$25,000)

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

Greenville Hospital Foundation

“Turrentine Heart Education Center” (\$32,000)

Support of the Turrentine Heart Education Center in upstate South Carolina will provide cardiac patients, their families, and the community with timely and authoritative information on heart disease, prevention, and treatments. This center will fund interactive display panels on valve surgery and other cardiovascular topics surrounding a six-foot anatomical heart.

Alliance for Aging Research

“Women and Heart Disease: What They Need You to Tell Them” (\$50,000)

The funds will be used to expand the scope and outreach of the women and heart health program, established in 2005. The program is designed to educate female patients and their physicians about common misconceptions of heart disease in women and identify communication gaps between physicians and their patients.

Conemaugh Health Foundation

“Diabetes-Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program” (\$50,000)

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

Gift of Life International

“Dominican Hearts Initiative” (\$50,000)

Funding will support The Dominican Hearts Initiative, which will establish the first indigenous pediatric cardiac surgery program in the Dominican Republic.

Hoag Hospital Foundation

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

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

La Amistad de Jose Family Health Center, a licensed community clinic of St. Joseph Hospital

“From the Heart - Part II” (\$50,000)

Funds will support the “From the Heart” program, which will increase the awareness of underserved members of the community regarding cardiovascular disease, its prevention and treatment, along with improving their access to care.

National Kidney Foundation

“Physician Education and Screening Program (DC Region)” (\$50,000)

Funds will be used to help organize and provide community-based, mobile health education and screening services to underserved populations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region that are at risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD) and chronic kidney disease (CKD), as well as diabetes, and obesity, which can cause either or both diseases.

The HeartGift Foundation

“Mending Hearts” (\$50,000)

The HeartGift Foundation will use these funds to support humanitarian pediatric cardiothoracic surgery for children from developing countries. Funding will be applied toward direct medical care delivered at Children’s Hospital of Austin, as well as expenses associated with housing the child and their caregiver while in the United States.

Saddleback Memorial Foundation

“Heart Failure Disease Management Program” (\$70,000)

These funds will be used to support a new Heart Failure Disease Management Program at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center. The program will support and facilitate the care of newly discharged heart failure patients in the management of their disease at home.

International Children’s Heart Foundation

“Pediatric Cardiac Surgery/Clinical Services/Education in Santiago, DR” (\$85,000)

These funds will assist in the development of pediatric cardiac surgery in Santiago, Dominican Republic and support trips made to operate on children with heart defects.

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 Larry King Cardiac Foundation provides funding for life-saving treatment for individuals who, due to limited means or no insurance, would otherwise be unable to receive the cardiac-related surgeries and care they so desperately need.

Surgeons of Hope Foundation, Inc.

“From Maputo to Kabul” (\$100,000)

Surgeons of Hope will use these funds to support a humanitarian medical mission, in which teams of surgeons, catheterization cardiologists, echocardiograph cardiologists, anesthesiologists, perfusionists and intensive care nurses will travel to Mozambique and Afghanistan for 10 days and provide much-needed cardiovascular care.