About Edwards Lifesciences
Edwards Lifesciences is the global leader in the science of heart valves and hemodynamic monitoring. Driven by a passion to help patients, the company partners with clinicians to develop innovative technologies in the areas of structural heart disease and critical care monitoring that enable them to save and enhance lives. Additional company information can be found at www.edwards.com.

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Our Credo
At Edwards Lifesciences, we are dedicated to providing innovative solutions for people fighting cardiovascular disease. • Through our actions, we will become trusted partners with customers, colleagues, and patients—creating a community unified in its mission to improve the quality of life around the world. Our results will benefit customers, patients, employees and shareholders. • We will celebrate our successes, thrive on discovery, and continually expand our boundaries. We will act boldly, decisively, and with determination on behalf of people fighting cardiovascular disease. • Helping Patients is Our Life’s Work, and Life is Now.

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The Edwards Lifesciences Fund Mission

The Edwards Lifesciences Fund is a philanthropic donor-advised fund managed through the Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program. The Fund supports advancements in knowledge and improvements in quality of life, focusing primarily upon cardiovascular disease and the communities where our employees live and work.

The goals and objectives of the Fund are to:

- Expand awareness of cardiovascular disease, its prevention and treatment
- Enhance support and access to care for underserved cardiovascular patients
- Support research and education to increase expertise and innovation in treating cardiovascular disease
- Establish trusted partnerships to further leverage impact
- Support opportunities for Edwards and our employees to contribute to our communities
- Operate consistently with the principles of Edwards Lifesciences’ Credo

The Edwards Lifesciences Fund focuses its support on organizations that:

- Are directly involved in research or treatment of cardiovascular disease
- Build positive community relationships with programs that emphasize health and human service, education and civic and community initiatives
- Share a commitment to the well-being of citizens in the communities where our employees live and work
- Provide opportunities for our employees to be active volunteers and/or perform community service in leadership roles

The Fund’s annual grant cycle typically opens in May and awards are announced in October. For more information, including a complete list of organizations and programs supported by the Fund, please visit www.edwards.com.
Edwards Lifesciences is dedicated to improving the quality of life around the world. By developing innovative medical technologies, supporting non-profit organizations through The Edwards Lifesciences Fund and promoting community involvement among our employees worldwide, we strive to make a difference in our global communities.

Given the challenging state of the economy, we believe it is more important than ever to help those in need. Our philanthropic activities in 2009 were heavily influenced by the recognition that many people are suffering in these tough times. We felt it was particularly important to increase our support of organizations that addressed basic needs, such as food, shelter, healthcare, childcare and job training; however, we also continued to support advancements in knowledge and direct care of cardiovascular patients.
In 2009, we were proud to have increased both the amount of funding and the number of organizations that we supported through the Fund. These contributions brought total grants from the Fund to nearly $12 million since inception in 2004.

Our employees are also generously giving back to their communities by contributing food, toys and clothing; donating blood; fundraising for various causes and helping to preserve the environment. To meet their growing desire for involvement, we offered our employees more philanthropic opportunities around the world in 2009 than in any other year, and participation in these programs has been tremendous.

We are inspired by the extraordinary passion and dedication of our employees and philanthropic partners and look forward to continuing to work with them to strengthen our communities.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Mussallem
Chairman and CEO
Edwards Lifesciences
Helping and Healing

Free Wheelchair Mission
Andrea is 8 years old and lives in Nicaragua with her mother, father and four sisters. Diagnosed with a debilitating condition at birth, Andrea is unable to walk. Her parents used to carry her everywhere, but as she got older, she became too heavy to carry easily. Her mother is the only worker in the household, doing laundry and ironing jobs that earn just enough to pay for the family’s food and rent. Unfortunately, buying a wheelchair for Andrea was a financial impossibility.

During Free Wheelchair Mission’s recent trip to Nicaragua, Andrea was given a wheelchair and, for the first time, she was able to move about freely on her own. Andrea and her parents are very grateful and wish all the supporters of this mission, including The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, blessings for such a life-changing gift.

The HeartGift Foundation
Each year, the HeartGift Foundation brings children from around the world to Texas for free surgery to correct life-threatening heart defects. They are selected for these operations because their home countries lack adequate health care or their families cannot afford the surgeries.

Supported by a grant from our Fund in 2009, HeartGift flew Sun from his village in China to Texas. He not only received lifesaving cardiac surgery, but he also met Ronald McDonald, one of his favorite characters. Now Sun is doing very well and has the hope of living a long and healthy life.

Sun’s wishes came true with cardiac surgery and a visit from Ronald McDonald.
University of Virginia

In early 2009, a team from the University of Virginia went on a medical mission to the Dominican Republic to screen and treat people with heart valve disease. Sponsored by a grant from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, the medical team performed nearly 100 echo screenings and diagnosed 25-year-old Xiomara with mitral valve stenosis caused by a case of rheumatic fever.

Having mitral valve stenosis at such a young age is relatively rare in the U.S., but it is common in developing countries where medical treatment is scarce. Unfortunately, Xiomara’s condition had progressed to the point that her quality of life was limited by her shortness of breath.

The day after her screening, she was taken to the Cedimat Hospital in Santo Domingo—the University of Virginia’s partner in this endeavor—where she underwent a cardiac catheterization procedure and balloon mitral valvuloplasty. The procedure, which was paid for by the medical mission, successfully opened her narrowed mitral valve.
Xiomara has since fully recovered and has the energy to enjoy her family. Her doctors hope this procedure will postpone the need for a mitral valve replacement for 10 years or more.

“I never thought I could have my valve fixed because it is very expensive. I want to express my gratitude to Edwards Lifesciences and the doctors that participated in the procedure,” Xiomara said.
Laura’s House

Adam was 2 years old when he and his mom Denise came to Laura’s House shelter after escaping a very serious domestic violence situation. Denise arrived with a wound in her head from being hit by her husband with a hammer and little Adam had severe burns on his feet.

Denise and Adam had no option but to flee the situation for their safety. The staff of Laura’s House did not judge Denise; instead, they provided a safe and violence-free environment for her and her child. With the support of a grant from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, Laura’s House is able to make a difference in the lives of families, like Denise and Adam, who today are happy and thriving.

The Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology

In October 2009, Edwards celebrated the grand opening of The Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology at the University of California, Irvine (UCI)—a center dedicated to researching and developing the next generation of cardiovascular devices and therapies. The center, established in 2007 through a multi-year grant from the Fund, will promote interaction and collaboration between students, faculty members and experts.
As part of our commitment to strengthening our community, our goal is that every employee will participate in at least one activity during the year. To help accomplish this, we offer employees monthly involvement opportunities with a variety of charitable causes, including volunteerism, fundraisers, walk-a-thons and blood, food, clothing and toy drives. We are proud that in 2009, our employees participated in more philanthropic activities around the world than ever before.

**United Way Fundraising Campaign**
In November 2009, Edwards employees raised funds for the annual United Way campaign. With record participation, more than 425 employees supported the cause with their pledges to the United Way. The United Way serves our local communities by providing support services to important social agencies and non-profit organizations, helping people in crisis and empowering people to regain or maintain financial stability and pursue education.

**Team Edwards Cardiac Cycle**
Edwards employees in California and Utah teamed up to form Team Edwards Cardiac Cycle. In June 2009, approximately 20 Salt Lake City, Utah employees participated in the MS 150 in Salt Lake City raising funds for multiple sclerosis research. In November 2009, more than 40 team members cycled in the Solvang Prelude in Solvang, California, for the fourth consecutive year. This group raised funds for Specialized Coronary Output Rehabilitation, a non-profit club that encourages bicycling as a form of rehabilitative therapy for cardiovascular disease recovery.

**Blood Drives**
Throughout the year, Edwards hosted numerous blood drives around the world to help organizations like the American Red Cross build their lifesaving supplies of blood. Nearly 300 employees participated in blood drives held at our corporate headquarters in Irvine, collecting nearly 200 units of blood that may be used to help more than 800 people.

*Oposite page: Team Edwards Cardiac Cycle before a fundraising cycling event.*
American Heart Association, New York City

In May 2009, Edwards Chairman and CEO Mike Mussallem had the privilege of chairing the American Heart Association Heart and Stroke Ball held at the Museum of Natural History in New York City. At this fundraising event, one of the company’s physician partners and dear friends, Dr. David H. Adams of Mount Sinai Medical Center, was honored with the Achievement in Cardiovascular Science and Medicine Award for his dedication to, and distinguished accomplishments in, cardiovascular care and treatment. The event raised more than $1.5 million as a result of the tremendous support from Dr. Adams, many friends, corporations and foundations, including The Edwards Lifesciences Fund. These funds will support cardiac research, education and advocacy, while helping to increase awareness about heart disease and stroke—the number one and three killers in the U.S.

Mike Mussallem congratulates Dr. David Adams on his award at the NYC Heart Ball.
Product Donation

AmeriCares
Edwards is a continuous supporter of AmeriCares, an international non-profit relief and humanitarian aid organization that delivers medicines, medical supplies and aid to people in crisis around the world. During 2009, Edwards donated thousands of medical devices to AmeriCares, including heart valves, critical care monitoring devices and cardiac surgery products. These products are given to volunteer U.S. health care professionals traveling overseas for charitable missions in some of the most impoverished parts of the world, where even basic medical care is often lacking.

Edwards donates heart valves and critical care products for humanitarian use.
**MIND Research Institute**
Along with many other community partners, Edwards, MIND Research Institute and the Orange County Department of Education have worked together to improve math scores in Orange County, California. This program, called the Orange County Math Initiative, provides access to professional development in math for teachers, leadership training with administrators and rigorous math instructional software.

In September 2009, the Orange Country Math Initiative released data showing impressive math score gains among historically lower performing schools. Many participating schools experienced double-digit increases in their California Standards Test scores compared with the previous year, enabling them to meet or exceed proficient levels for the first time.

This initiative is made possible through MIND Research Institute’s innovative math education program and the financial support of corporations, foundations and individuals, including The Edwards Lifesciences Fund.

**University of California, Irvine (UCI)**
Bharath was raised by his parents in urban Chennai, India, with his twin sister. He grew up with a deep curiosity for science and a dream of becoming a professor, in order to help improve education in underserved regions, including India.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in biotechnology, Bharath moved to Southern California to pursue graduate studies at UCI.

His exceptional performance secured him admission to the school’s prestigious chemical engineering doctorate program with a fully paid fellowship, where he was one of only three students in the incoming class. He is now in his fourth year studying colloid science.

Bharath’s fellowship was made possible by charitable contributions, including a grant from the Fund. Donations provided to UCI enable higher-education opportunities for promising students like Bharath, who would otherwise not have the funds to pursue their academic dreams.
Edwards employees are committed to protecting and enhancing the environment. Throughout 2009, employees volunteered in numerous health promotion and environmental opportunities around the world.

In Horw, Switzerland, the location of one of our manufacturing facilities, employees helped clean up the local neighborhood and planted flowers and trees to enhance the community. The facility also opened its doors to the public with free health screenings and special recognition events for the local fire brigade.

In the Caribbean, employees at our Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico manufacturing plants participated in environmental cleanup events and hosted health promotion and screenings for the public. Additionally, 35 of our employees from the Dominican Republic partnered with the environmental, agriculture and forest government agencies to plant 500 trees in their rainforests.

At our manufacturing facility in Singapore, our employees are becoming more involved with promoting progressive environmental practices, such as door-to-door bus services for employees, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Employees from our corporate headquarters in Irvine participated in community cleanup events, including California’s annual Coastal Cleanup Day. We are also proud to have received an award from California’s Waste Reduction Awards Program for the 14th consecutive year.
Share Your Stories

We appreciate learning about all the wonderful work that our philanthropic partners do throughout the year and always want to hear success stories. If you have a story about how Edwards is helping you or your organization make a difference, we want to know. Please contact us at edwards_fund@edwards.com or The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, One Edwards Way, Irvine, CA 92614.
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All the best,
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