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.

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The Edwards Lifesciences Fund

As part of Edwards Lifesciences’ commitment to improving the quality of life around the world, we provide philanthropic assistance to important health-related and community causes. We established The Edwards Lifesciences Fund at the Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program to support advancements in knowledge and improvements in quality of life, focusing primarily upon cardiovascular disease and the communities where our employees live and work. The Fund’s mission is fulfilled by making grants to qualified charitable organizations.

Goals & Objectives
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; and
- Operate consistently with the principles of the company.

Types of Grants
The Fund provides both Strategic and Community grants to a variety of charitable organizations in the U.S. and around the world.

Strategic grants support programs that expand awareness of cardiovascular disease, its prevention and treatment or enhance support and access to care for underserved cardiovascular patients. In this category, programs that support research and education to increase expertise and innovation in treating cardiovascular disease or establish trusted partnerships to further leverage the impact of the Fund are favored.

Community grants support programs that provide opportunities for employee involvement through volunteerism and/or contributions, or provide an opportunity to strengthen the community. In this category, programs that establish trusted partnerships to further leverage the impact of the Fund are favored.

The Fund accepts grant applications beginning in late spring for its annual grant cycle, and awards are announced and distributed in the fall. For more information about the Fund, including a complete list of organizations and programs supported by the Fund, please visit www.edwards.com/edwardsfund.
At Edwards Lifesciences, we are dedicated to improving the quality of life around the world. We strive to accomplish this by innovating medical technologies that save and protect lives, supporting non-profit organizations through grants from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, and engaging our more than 7,000 global employees to support their local communities.

This year, we received and recommended funding a record number of grant applications through our Fund. Also, for the first time, we extended the reach of the Fund to non-profit organizations based in regions outside of the U.S., including Europe, India, Japan, Latin America and Puerto Rico. In fact, more than 25 percent of our grants this year were directed to organizations serving communities abroad.
Our employees are also generously giving back to their communities in a variety of ways, such as contributing to food, toy and blood drives, participating in environmental clean-up activities, and fundraising for important causes. We continue to offer an increasing number of opportunities for their involvement, and are making great progress toward our aspiration of 100 percent employee participation in a service or donation activity each year.

We are humbled by the extensive charitable activities that our philanthropic partners and employees perform on a daily basis. This report highlights some of the important work performed by these organizations and individuals. We hope you find these stories to be as inspirational and touching as we do, and that they serve to motivate you to continue—or start—providing much-needed support to the communities around you.

All the best,

Michael A. Mussallem
Chairman and CEO
Edwards Lifesciences
People’s Hope Japan

Every year in Thailand, nearly 8,000 babies are born with congenital heart disease, many of whom are from impoverished families that cannot afford the surgeries necessary for these children to survive. Further complicating matters, cardiovascular care in the northern region of the country is scarce. People’s Hope Japan recognized this challenging situation in Thailand and set out to make a change. They partnered with the only hospital in the area with enough clinical staff to perform these procedures—Chiang Mai University Hospital—and built a cardiovascular surgery team from scratch.

Since initiating this program in 1998, People’s Hope Japan has successfully treated hundreds of congenital heart disease patients. In 2010, The Edwards Lifesciences Fund’s grant to People’s Hope Japan enabled 10 additional children to receive lifesaving surgery and post-operative care.
Angel Flight West

Angel Flight West provides free flights to patients in the 14 western U.S. states, with a verifiable financial need, or when transportation by private aircraft provides a specific medical or logistical advantage. With the support of The Edwards Lifesciences Fund and other organizations, they are able to help thousands of patients, like Taylor, to receive the medical care they need.

At just two years old, Taylor’s local doctors in Utah discovered that large cancerous tumors were taking over her eyes. However, the doctor that was specifically trained to treat her condition was located at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Taylor’s family did not have the financial means to travel between Utah and Los Angeles for the numerous treatments she needed, so her mom researched other options and found Angel Flight West. Over the next year, Angel Flight West provided Taylor and her family with nine free flights to Los Angeles for the extensive treatments she needed. Taylor’s doctors not only successfully stopped the cancer from taking her eyesight, but also from spreading further and taking her life.

“...You may think you are doing such a small act, simply providing the service of transportation, but you have done so much more. You have given us the life of our daughter. She will grow and see this beautiful world, and she will learn that she is a cancer survivor.”
—Chuck and Diana, parents of Angel Flight West patient, Taylor
International Children’s Heart Foundation

The International Children’s Heart Foundation team visited the Children’s Hospital of Santiago in the Dominican Republic for the sixteenth time in late 2010. The team of cardiac surgeons, intensivists, nurses and other medical staff came from five different countries with one common goal: to save the lives of children with congenital heart defects.

With the support of a grant from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, the team was able to provide life-saving cardiac surgery to 25 children, including two-year-old Yessica Hernandez. Yessica had recurring cold-like symptoms, turned blue when crying and grew tired easily when walking. After eight visits to her pediatrician, she was referred to Dr. Ramirez at the Children’s Hospital of Santiago. She was diagnosed with a complicated heart condition called tetralogy of fallot and would need cardiac surgery to live. In November 2010, she had her surgery and has since recovered very well. Now she has a chance to live life like a normal little girl and do all the things she loves to do, like coloring and playing with her dolls.
**Association La Ribambelle**

The Edwards Lifesciences Fund supports Association La Ribambelle in their mission to provide advanced cardiovascular surgery for underserved children of Madagascar. This France-based non-profit organization provides transportation for children to France as well as state-of-the-art care for them at the CHU Timone Hospital in Marseille. Local host families volunteer to look after these children during their stay in France and provide room, board, love and care for them until they have fully recovered and are able to return home to their parents.
The Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology

The Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology at the University of California, Irvine, established by a gift from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, has opened its doors with a mission of creating and fostering an environment for innovative basic and translational cardiovascular research and training.

During the center’s first full-year of operation, many important milestones were achieved. The center’s director outlined the strategic plan for the center, hired two key faculty members and submitted an important training grant to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

“Our focus over the first few years in operation was to recruit faculty talent and develop core research labs,” said the center’s director, Dr. Steve George. “We have had tremendous success so far and are very proud of our people.”
AmeriCares

Edwards Lifesciences is a strong 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 2010, 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. healthcare professionals traveling overseas for charitable missions in some of the most impoverished parts of the world, where even basic medical care is often lacking.

Congenital Heart Institute of Florida and Caribbean Heart Menders Association

For the past five years, the Congenital Heart Institute of Florida (CHIF) and Caribbean Heart Menders Association (CHMA) have paired up to mobilize cardiac surgeons, nurses and other healthcare professionals to travel from all over the U.S. to one of the most poverty-stricken areas of Jamaica to provide desperately needed free cardiac surgery for underserved children with congenital heart disease. In Jamaica, there is only one cardiac surgeon who performs surgery on children and he is simply not able to facilitate this care alone. On top of that, many people are unable to afford the medical care that is required for a child with heart defects.

For the 2010 mission, Edwards Lifesciences donated numerous PediaSat oximetry catheters and Vigileo monitors to be used to monitor the status of these small patients during and after their surgeries. This donation helped the team successfully perform 18 pediatric open-heart surgeries, six diagnostic cardiac catheterizations and angiographies, numerous electrophysiology studies and a dual chamber pacemaker implantation—all for children, who without the help of this team and the support of organizations like Edwards, would have no chance for life.

Our Vigileo monitor and PediaSat Oximetry Catheter.
From a train station clean-up in Japan, to remodeling a community center in Puerto Rico, to being a “Big Brother or Sister” for a day and mentoring at-risk youth in California, our employees strive to strengthen the communities in which they live and work. In fact, it is our aspiration that each employee participate in at least one charitable activity per year. To help accomplish this, we provide monthly opportunities within our Strengthen Our Community program for employees to get involved and give back to their communities. With many activities taking place around the world, our employees participated in a greater number of Strengthen Our Community activities in 2010 than ever before.

**SmileMakers Project Senior Gift Drive**
In June, our employees had the opportunity to be “Summer Santas” for disadvantaged seniors in Orange County, California. These employees collected blankets—many of which were handmade by employees—slippers, robes, personal audio devices and other items for the Council on Aging’s SmileMakers Guild. These donations enabled the Guild to provide gifts to nearly 3,000 isolated seniors and disabled adults during the holidays in December.

**American Heart Association Orange County Heart Walk**
In September, our Irvine employees rallied together to raise more than $33,000 for the American Heart Association Orange County Heart Walk 2010, which will go toward research and education to fight heart disease. Not only did employees exceed our fundraising goal for the event, but we also had a record 457 walkers representing Edwards Lifesciences at the Heart Walk.
Someone Cares Soup Kitchen
In October, a group of Irvine employees volunteered to serve warm meals with a warm heart at Someone Cares Soup Kitchen in Costa Mesa, California. Our employees served more than 300 nutritional meals that day to needy men, women and children. In addition, with the help of a grant from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, this organization helps provide a meal, seven days a week, to homeless, unemployed, working poor, and mentally and physically challenged people.

Boy’s Brigade
In December, our employees in Singapore helped the Boy’s Brigade bring cheer to the less fortunate by donating essential food and household items for their “Share a Gift” project. This prominent annual event mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to collect gifts from thousands of Singaporeans for distribution to the needy.

In Puerto Rico, employees served meals to the homeless, hosted a food collection drive benefiting the earthquake victims in Haiti, and held a toy drive for needy children, among other community activities.

Edwards’ Japan-based employees coordinated a variety of events, including donating stationery to a non-profit organization for ultimate delivery to needy children in Vietnam, as well as spending a day cleaning up the area around the Shinjuku, Tokyo train station.

Edwards employees serving food to underserved Orange County residents.

Edwards Singapore employees donating gifts.
United Way’s Destination Graduation

Preparing students for college and careers is more important now than ever. In recent years, the Orange County, California high school dropout rate reached nearly 10 percent, which translates to almost 16,000 students per year. Additionally, studies have found that more than one-third of high school graduates are not ready for college.

These Orange County students need help, but local schools continue to struggle with budget cuts, resulting in many beneficial programs being canceled. In September 2010, Orange County United Way and the U.S. Department of Education launched Destination Graduation to address this gap in educational programming. With the support of The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, this new educational initiative seeks to graduate 100 percent of participating at-risk high school seniors who are college- and career-ready.

“My experience with Destination Graduation has been amazing,” said Arleni, who participates in the program and is a junior at Godinez High School in Santa Ana, California.

“I honestly don’t know where I would be without it. The programs help me with all my classes and have opened up my view to the many colleges out there. I also had a chance to learn about other careers and the program helped me realize that I can do something I am passionate about.”

Opposite page: Arleni is a junior at Godinez High School and a participant in the Destination Graduation program.
The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding
The Edwards Lifesciences Fund supported the Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding during the 2010 grant cycle and was touched by the following letter from a proud parent of a woman whose life has been forever changed by this special center.

Dear supporters of the Shea Center,

My daughter, Melissa, has been riding at The Shea Center for therapeutic riding since she was about 12 years old. She is now 25 and her weekly rides are still the “highlight” of her life.

Melissa has cerebral palsy and is non-ambulatory, but with the help of the wonderful horses that she has ridden through the years, she can experience movement that she otherwise would never even dream of.

Melissa spent many years of daily trips for traditional physical therapy with really very little improvement. As soon as she discovered “horse therapy,” she began to change, not only physically but also mentally. The movement of the horse has helped to strengthen her body and the challenge has improved her self-confidence greatly.

As a parent of a special needs child, I am very grateful knowing that Melissa is being treated by such experienced professionals and caring volunteers.

Thank you so much for all your support.

DeeAnne Piccinati

Melissa riding her favorite horse at The Shea Center.
Around the world, Edwards hosted receptions to honor and celebrate the important work of the non-profit organizations that fulfill the mission of The Edwards Lifesciences Fund.
To Mr. Wertheim,

The Presbyterian greatly appreciates its partnership with the Edwards Life Sciences Corporation. I thought you might be interested in our most recent Campaign Progress Report to help keep you up-to-date on hospital activities.

Best wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving.

Kristen

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We couldn’t be more grateful for your support.

Joy,

Thank you very much for everything you’ve done to support the journal. It was great to be recognized in the annual awards ceremony last night. I’m so grateful to be recognized in such a wonderful way. You have been such a great company. I love you and

Best, Dan
Share Your Stories

We want to hear your stories of how Edwards is helping you and your organization make a difference. Please email your stories and photos to edwards_fund@edwards.com or via mail to The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, One Edwards Way, Irvine, CA 92614.