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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For the 8,200 employees who work for Edwards Lifesciences, helping people and working tirelessly to make a difference for patients is our life’s work. We are dedicated to innovating technologies that address cardiovascular disease and critical illnesses, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life around the world.

On top of the millions of lives we touch each year with our medical technologies, we are also proud that our philanthropic efforts are positively impacting so many more. Through grants from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, employee volunteerism and product donations, we are increasing access to healthcare; engaging students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math; and helping our neighbors in difficult circumstances.

IN 2012, WE GREW OUR FUND’S CHARITABLE GIVING TO $4.5 MILLION, a 22 percent increase compared with the previous year, and we engaged more employees in community volunteer projects than ever. This is a trend we want to continue. Looking forward, we aspire to have our success fuel our philanthropy and plan to grow our charitable giving consistent with our corporate financial performance.

We also aspire to have each of our employees engage in at least one charitable activity of their choice each year. To further support their philanthropic interests and drive greater impact in our local communities, we launched an Employee Matching Gift Program in 2012 that is supported by our Fund. Through this program, employees’ gifts to non-profit organizations can be matched dollar-for-dollar up to $1,000 per employee per year. Initial participation in this program has been strong and we look forward to its growth.
As you read through our stories in this report, we hope you will realize that our philanthropic work isn’t just a corporate responsibility, it’s our passion. We thank our non-profit partners for working with us for a better today and the hope for a truly great tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Mussallem  
Chairman and CEO  
Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
As part of Edwards Lifesciences’ commitment to improving the quality of life around the world, we provide philanthropic assistance to important health- and community-focused programs. The Edwards Lifesciences 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. Our Fund’s mission is fulfilled by making grants to qualified charitable organizations.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR FUND:**

The goals and objectives of our 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 Edwards Lifesciences’ Credo.

**TYPES OF PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY OUR FUND:**

Our Fund supports the following types of charitable programs:

- Health-Focused Programs – Programs that advance health care, with preference given to those that focus on addressing cardiovascular disease. This can include education and awareness campaigns, research and/or direct care for underserved patients with cardiovascular disease.
- Community-Focused Programs – Programs that strengthen the communities where Edwards’ employees live and work, and provide opportunities for employees to get involved. This can include employee volunteerism and/or financial contributions.
GRANT RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS:
U.S.-based organizations seeking support of our Fund must be a tax-qualified charitable organization by demonstrating 501(c)(3) tax status and qualifying as a not-for-profit public charity as defined by Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations seeking support of our Fund that are based outside the U.S. must be a public charity substantially similar in governance, operation and mission to qualified U.S.-based organizations.

ANNUAL GRANT CYCLE:
Every year, we conduct a grant cycle of our Fund to provide a formal opportunity to receive requests for program support. This cycle typically involves opening the grant application cycle in late spring, evaluating applications in late summer through early autumn and announcing grants in late fall.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FUND:
Additional information about our Fund, including our Policies and Program Guidelines, can be found at www.edwards.com/edwardsfund.
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION’S PURSUIT OF THE NO. 1 DIGITAL RESOURCE FOR HEART VALVE PATIENTS

Given the prevalence of heart valve disease and the 1.8 million Google searches performed per month using valvular disease-related words, the American Heart Association approached Edwards Lifesciences to support the development of a robust online resource for education about heart valve diseases.

In 2012, we agreed to a multi-year gift totaling $1.2 million to the American Heart Association to develop a “Valvular Disease Education Center,” which they expect will become the No.1 digital resource for heart valve patients and their families. This comprehensive online portal offers support and education tools, and it promises to be a vibrant community for patients to share their experiences with one another.

“We thank The Edwards Lifesciences Fund for giving us the opportunity to advance such an extensive website that will offer to the public for the very first time cutting-edge information and forums for patient interaction on valvular diseases,” said Donna Arnett, Ph.D., President of the American Heart Association and Professor and Chair of Epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION’S HEART VALVE CARELINE

Patient Advocate Foundation, a national non-profit organization with extensive experience in patient-focused case management, launched a Heart Valve CareLine to provide free healthcare information and crucial case-management assistance to U.S. patients with heart valve disease. The Heart Valve CareLine is supported by a gift from our Fund.

This hotline provides customized assistance to people with heart valve conditions who are facing challenges accessing the healthcare they need. Case managers are available to help patients with insurance appeals; provide guidance on insurance benefits and reimbursement; assist with Medicare, Medicaid and Disability screening; help with enrollment and/or denials; explore options for addressing medical debt crisis; and provide referrals to local, state and federal financial resources.

“Thanks to the generous commitment and support from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, heart valve patients now have a direct resource for their most complex issues and will benefit from the guidance and expertise of the professional case managers at Patient Advocate Foundation,” said Nancy Davenport-Ennis, Founder and CEO of Patient Advocate Foundation.

THE HEART VALVE CARELINE CAN BE REACHED AT 866-318-7892 OR HTTP://HEARTVALVE.PAFCARELINE.ORG
FOURTH STREET CLINIC PROVIDES HEART CARE WITH A HEART FOR HOMELESS IN UTAH

At Fourth Street Clinic, a non-profit organization in Salt Lake City that provides free primary care services to homeless individuals and families, cardiovascular disease is rampant. With homeless patients having no access to insurance or money to pay for healthcare, high rates of diabetes, hypertension, tobacco use and obesity often lead to lives cut short by as much as three decades.

In addition, the stress of living on the streets puts these patients at increased risk, and coping strategies can include tobacco and alcohol use, which further deteriorates overall health and increases the risk of cardiovascular illness.

It is difficult to imagine that Fourth Street Clinic patient Michael spent a lifetime living in homelessness, hopping trains to move around the country. His bright eyes and warm manner conflict with his stories of getting beat up and years of poor health.

For Michael, what started at Fourth Street Clinic with medical care and drugs to treat his irregular heartbeat resulted in drug and alcohol treatment, six months of sobriety (and counting) and a letter approving him to move into a publicly funded, supportive-housing apartment.

With the support of our Fund, Fourth Street Clinic is able to provide its patients with the skills they need to improve their cardiovascular health and overall quality of life, with the ultimate goal of moving out of homelessness.

"Many of my patients suffer from two or three cardiovascular risk factors," says Fourth Street Clinic Medical Director Christina Gallop. "The need for both prevention and treatment is so great that these services extend into just about everything we do."

"I'm just so happy and grateful to be where I am today. I've received so much help and comfort and have so much to give back," said Michael.
Health-Focused Programs

Justine joins monthly diabetes classes to learn how to properly take her six different medications.

For Justine, it is monthly diabetic education groups and physical health follow-ups that taught her how to properly take her six different medications and slowed the progression of diabetic neuropathy, the deadening of nerves that is closely linked with high rates of cardiovascular disease.
Health-Focused Programs

INSPIRING THE NEXT-GENERATION OF INNOVATORS AT THE FOGARTY INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION

Supported by a grant from our Fund, The Fogarty Institute for Innovation offered second-year medical school student Patrick a 12-week educational internship to expand his knowledge in clinical medicine and feed his curiosity about medical device development.

Through this program, Patrick was able to learn from expert surgeons, scientists, engineers and business developers who were enthusiastic educators and were generous with their time and knowledge.

He felt particularly fortunate to work alongside Dr. Thomas Fogarty, founder of the institute and a cardiovascular pioneer. Being mentored by experts who hold hundreds of patents and have deep experience in bringing new ideas to fruition was an invaluable experience and sparked a true passion for medicine in Patrick.

SAVING JONATHAN: SURGEONS OF HOPE’S CARDIAC MISSION TO NICARAGUA

Since 2005, our Fund has supported Surgeons of Hope’s medical missions, which provide free cardiac surgery for indigent patients in many countries around the world. In 2012, midway through its mission in Managua, Nicaragua, we received a call from the surgeons on site with a unique need for a heart valve for Jonathan, whose skin was literally blue due to a lack of oxygen in his blood.

Our customer support team quickly pulled together some of our heart valves that were hand-delivered by the video crew already scheduled to film the mission. Our video production team was instantly in the spotlight and enabled a successful heart valve surgery that took place the next day. Not only did the video crew produce a beautiful vignette about the impactful work of Surgeons of Hope (available on our website), but they also helped save Jonathan’s life.

“This experience has truly shaped me. I am thankful for everything that I learned,” says second-year medical student Patrick.

A special moment between Jonathan and his mother after surgery.
AMERICARES’ MEDICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

AmeriCares is an international non-profit relief and humanitarian aid organization that delivers medicines, medical supplies and aid to people in crisis around the world. Every year, Edwards Lifesciences donates thousands of our medical technologies to AmeriCares, including heart valves, critical care monitoring devices and cardiac surgery products.

These technologies are donated to non-profit organizations and charitable medical missions, providing cardiac services in some of the most impoverished parts of the world where even basic medical care is often lacking. Since establishing our partnership in 2000, we have provided approximately $3 million of in-kind donations to AmeriCares, supporting mission trips in more than 34 countries around the world.

EDWARDS DONATES THOUSANDS OF PRODUCTS TO AMERICARES EACH YEAR.
In October, more than 250 guests came together at Edwards’ corporate headquarters for the Team Kids Innovative Thinkers Forum. The event raised more than $150,000 to help Team Kids carry out its mission of instilling leadership, entrepreneurship and philanthropy in public elementary school students.

The unique fundraiser included tours of Edwards’ heart valve manufacturing operations and a distinguished panel that gave a rare glimpse into the minds and cultures of some of Orange County’s top innovators, including:

- Paul Merage, Chairman of MIG Capital, Founder, Chairman of Merage Institute, and Co-Founder of Chef America
- Henry Samueli, Co-Founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Technical Officer of Broadcom
- Mike Mussallem, Chairman and CEO of Edwards Lifesciences
- Kimberly Cripe, President and CEO of CHOC Children’s

“Team Kids serves as an agent for positive growth within our children, encouraging them to think of and care for others in need in their community, your community, our community,” said Julie Hudash, Team Kids’ Founder and CEO. “We are grateful for the opportunity to expand our work with the funds raised by the Innovative Thinkers Forum.”
Community-Focused Programs
INSPIRING AT-RISK YOUTH THROUGH UNITED WAY’S DESTINATION GRADUATION

Our Fund’s most significant community-focused grant in 2012 was for Orange County United Way’s Destination Graduation. This program is committed to eliminating the local high school dropout rate, currently at 14 percent, and targets low-income, high-dropout-risk student populations.

In addition to our financial gift, Larry Wood, Edwards’ corporate vice president, transcatheter heart valves, donated his time in December to share his life story with the Destination Graduation students at Segerstrom High School in Santa Ana, California. He shared about his sometimes rocky, but very purposeful road to self-sufficiency, which he believes was achieved through education and a lot of hard work.

“He’s talk impacted me so much. I’ve always been told to ‘go to college.’ But hearing it come from somebody who has been there and knows how hard it can be to stay on that path is truly inspiring,” said Deyaneira, a Destination Graduation freshman. “I am now encouraged to find my passion and continue working hard to get into college.”

Edwards’ Larry Wood shares life experiences with students.

FONDOS UNIDOS DE PUERTO RICO

In December, Edwards celebrated the 40th anniversary of our manufacturing plant in Añasco, Puerto Rico, which was our first facility outside the U.S. mainland.

To commemorate this milestone, our Fund gave $40,000 to Fondos Unidos de Puerto Rico to support non-profit organizations near the plant that are providing critical services to the community.

Samuel Gonzalez, President and CEO of Fondos Unidos De Puerto Rico, receives $40,000 to be invested in the community.
Community-Focused Programs

CORPORATE CRYSTAL HEART AWARD FROM LAURA'S HOUSE

Since 2008, our Fund has been supporting Laura’s House and its efforts to provide domestic violence-related services to the Orange County community. These critical services have given shelter and support to more than 3,500 battered women and children and counseling, life skills, education and legal assistance to over 40,000 people.

At its annual gala in September, Laura’s House honored Edwards with the Corporate Crystal Heart Award for our continued support and employee involvement in their work.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NIPPON TOKYO

Special Olympics Nippon Tokyo in Japan is dedicated to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In 2012, our Fund sponsored the Special Olympics’ bowling team. In addition, our employees in Tokyo volunteered at its “Walk and Run Festival,” where they helped carry out the event and ran with the Olympians to encourage them to cross the finish line.

Employees in Tokyo run along-side Special Olympians.
FINDING HER ABILITY THROUGH ABILITY FOUND

Little Emily has spina bifida and is almost completely paralyzed from her ribs down. To make matters more challenging, she requires a tracheotomy and ventilator in order to simply breathe for long periods. Ability Found, a Utah-based non-profit organization focused on empowering disabled people through enhanced equipment, took on the challenge of developing a system for Emily to help her walk.

With the support of our Fund, Ability Found built Emily a “Kangaroo,” which attaches to a traditional walker and uses a bungee cord to help her propel herself using only her arms, since her legs do not function.

Missing from this picture is Emily’s entire family whooping, crying and laughing all at the same time as she "walks" for the very first time in her life!

Emily can now explore her home safely and on a completely different level than she has ever known. Now when her mom takes her outside, all the neighborhood kids love to play with her as she uses her Kangaroo.
Community-Focused Programs

Emily walks in her “Kangaroo.”
Employee Volunteerism

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION’S SALT LAKE CITY HEART WALK

On a warm September morning in Salt Lake City, Utah, 300 Edwards employees from our Draper facility participated in the American Heart Association’s Salt Lake City Heart Walk along with their family and friends. In addition to hosting a booth educating the thousands of participants about heart disease treatments, employees raised more than $8,500 to support research and programs focused on building lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Edwards’ Utah employees, family and friends are eager to start the Salt Lake City Heart Walk.

BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS WITH ADANIM’S CHILDREN

Our employees in Israel “adopted” a school for special-needs children located in Hadera, Israel, called Adanim. This school provides a warm and supportive learning environment to low-income children that live in a boarding home and cannot be supported by their families. Throughout the year, our employees planned activities with the children to give them unique learning experiences, lift their spirits and build lasting friendships.

Ilan Tamir of Edwards’ Israel office receives a hug and so much more from one of the students of Adanim.
FINISHING TOUCHES ON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME-BUILD

Twenty Edwards volunteers gathered in Santa Ana, California at a Habitat for Humanity Orange County home-build to put the finishing touches on a new home for a financially strained single mother and her two children. There were many things to be done that day since it was the final volunteer work-day before the home was turned over to the family. Volunteers helped paint, clean windows, place a seal coat on the floor and install all of the landscaping to make the house feel like a home.

PROVIDING SIGHT THROUGH THE CENTRE OF OPHTALMOLOGIE

Our employees in France learned about the lack of eye care for people in Africa and set out to make a difference. After knocking on neighbors’ doors, reaching out to friends and family, and cleaning out their own drawers, they were able to collect more than 600 pairs of eyeglasses to be distributed to adults and children in Senegal, Africa, through the Centre of Ophtalmologie.

Edwards volunteers put the finishing touches on a Habitat for Humanity home in Santa Ana.

Edwards’ Francois Brochard delivers much-needed eyeglasses to be used in Senegal.
People impacted by our Fund in 2012:

41 COUNTRIES RECEIVED SERVICES SUPPORTED BY OUR FUND

1,264 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS INSPIRED TO ADVANCE MEDICAL INNOVATION

2,983 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE LIFE-SAVING CARDIAC SURGERY

4,232 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS RECEIVED FREE CARDIAC TRAINING

28,297 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE CARDIAC SCREENINGS

19,534,645 PEOPLE EDUCATED ABOUT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
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.