From our heart to yours.

Edwards Lifesciences
2017 Philanthropy Report
Courageous, inspiring, committed and passionate are words best used to describe the organizations Edwards Lifesciences supports through our global giving efforts. Our partners tirelessly pursue their work healing hearts, literally and figuratively, for those who need it most.

We give from our heart to fuel the noble purposes of these charitable organizations. Our giving includes grants from Edwards Lifesciences Foundation, volunteer hours from our employees and product donations for medical missions.

We give from our heart to save hearts. We focus on impacting the global burden of heart valve disease by educating, screening and treating underserved patients around the world – because no one should have to suffer from heart valve disease. Through our Every Heartbeat Matters initiative, we have directly helped more than 400,000 underserved people to date and are energized by the power of our community partners to reach our goal of helping 1 million underserved people by 2020.

We give from our heart to support the community. Our foundation supports charitable organizations around the world that are helping to meet the basic needs of the communities where our employees live and work. We encourage each of our employees to be involved and give back to these organizations and others – and nearly 75 percent of our employees do exactly that. Even so, we strive to do more, because we know the tremendous impact they can, and do, have.

We give from our heart because we can. We give because we want to. We give because we believe in the power and the good of people.

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Michael A. Mussallem
Chairman and CEO, Edwards Lifesciences
Chairman of the Board, Edwards Lifesciences Foundation
Every Heartbeat Matters

Every heartbeat matters. These three words represent more than the name of our signature philanthropic initiative. They embody who we are and what we want to share with the world. These three words are why we are committed to one specific goal:

By 2020, our philanthropy will impact the global burden of heart valve disease by supporting the education, screening and treatment of one million underserved people.

We set this goal in 2014 and are excited that our partners have already directly impacted more than 400,000 underserved people. Our investments in cardiac and patient centric partners are creating a global community that empowers people and organizations to sustain and expand their efforts to fight heart disease, not just today, but also long after our initial investments are made.

More than six million people suffer from heart valve disease in the U.S., and millions more suffer worldwide.


Edwards employees, partners and patients around the world share their passion to have a dramatic impact on heart valve disease.
Edwards Lifesciences Foundation worked with AHA to establish this program, which has reached hundreds of thousands of underserved people in two years. Together, we want to build up this army of Ambassadors and have a goal of adding 1,000 more this year. They are well on their way to exceeding this goal already.

Edwards Lifesciences Foundation also funds several other patient and caregiver support and advocacy initiatives around the world for one simple reason: patients and their stories connect and heal people emotionally and physically. Sharing Jen’s story removes fear, creates camaraderie and inspires hope.

What we feel in our hearts is what defines us. Jen Hyde, a heart valve disease survivor, is living proof.

Jen had the opportunity to meet the Edwards Lifesciences team members who hand-stitched her heart valve. This experience was so profound that it inspired her to share her journey with other patients and volunteer to become an American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Valve Patient Ambassador. Through this network, Jen is empowered to connect with thousands of others at various stages of their heart valve journey and gives them friendship and comfort on their path to wellness.

Jen meets (far right), hugs (above) and examines the hands of (right) the Edwards team member who hand-sewed her replacement heart valve.

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Every day, our partners use advanced clinical skills to give the gift of life to someone with heart valve disease. Maria, a heart valve patient in Peru, knows firsthand how that gift can change lives.

Maria needed a new heart valve, but the technology and experience needed to treat her was unavailable. Thanks to the work of Heart to Heart International Children’s Medical Alliance, a team of heart valve surgeons and experts worked side-by-side with Peruvian medical teams, teaching them the techniques needed to save not only Maria’s life, but also many others like her. Today, Maria has a new heart valve, and Peru has a qualified and trained team that can save lives far into the future.

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The #1 cause of death globally is cardiovascular disease, and at least 75% of those deaths occur in low and middle income countries.


A Heart to Heart medical mission supported by Edwards and our foundation brought replacement heart valves and surgical expertise to Maria and medical teams in Peru.
Leading With Our Hearts Into New Communities

When Edwards joins a community, we want to be more than an addition to a business district – we want to become an integral part of the community. As we continue to grow our presence around the world, we are bringing our strong culture of giving alongside our commitment to innovating for patients.

The Cartago, Costa Rica community is an example of how we work with, and in, our global neighborhoods. As we are new to this community, we felt it was important to listen to our employees and the Cartago community to see how we could best serve local needs. Through an open voting campaign, employees, family, friends and the public shared their opinions on charitable organizations that could benefit from support by our foundation. Thousands voted to invest in food for children who might not otherwise get a meal before school; for more love and care for seniors in need of homes or medical care; and for the preservation of local cultural treasures in one of Cartago’s historical museums. Thousands voted and we responded with thousands of dollars invested for this community.

Edwards employees bring their passion to helping others throughout Costa Rica.
Imagine what would happen if everyone in the world did just one caring act. Not only would each person experience that joyful, extraordinary feeling that comes from giving, but it could also change the world.

This is why Edwards aspires to have 100% of our employees participate in a charitable activity every year. When people engage in their communities, connect with those who are in need, and experience firsthand how helping others truly helps us all, lives can be changed.

Our spirit of volunteerism is strong and growing at Edwards. You can find our employees tutoring at-risk kids, serving meals to the homeless, beautifying local community centers and schools, and caring for seniors in need. They are passionate about causes that are as diverse as our employees and communities themselves, and we encourage them to pursue any philanthropic activities that speak to their hearts.
When You Strengthen A Family, You Strengthen A Community

Every day, thousands of families wake up facing homelessness, income instability, unemployment, educational challenges and other barriers that lead to an uncertain future. These stresses make everyday survival a challenge, and are a nearly impossible situation within which children can learn and thrive.

Edwards employees generously give their time, resources and compassion to United Way and hundreds of other community organizations addressing the issues that so often hold families back.

The results of our partners and employees’ support give hope throughout the communities where we live and work. More children finishing high school. Fewer families experiencing homelessness. A greater number of families that are more stable and secure. And, as a result, communities are stronger.

In Orange County, Calif., 22% of residents live in poverty. That includes 126,000 children.

74% of Edwards employees participate in charitable activities every year.

$6,400,000
2016 Foundation Cash Grants by Focus Area

Every Heartbeat Matters
Community
Other

46 Partners
168 Partners
17 Partners

$4.4M
$1.7M
$0.3M

Countries Served with 2016 Foundation Cash Grants

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Community
Other

46 Partners
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2014 2015 2016 TOTAL

Every Underserved Patients Reached to Date

2015 2016

100K
200K
300K
400K
500K

$10M
$20M
$30M
$40M
$50M

Foundation Cash Grant Cumulative Giving to Date


$47.5M
Every Heartbeat Matters

Every Heartbeat Matters is our signature charitable initiative supported by Edwards Lifesciences Foundation. The goal of this initiative is that by 2020, our philanthropy will impact the global burden of heart valve disease by supporting the education, screening and treatment of one million underserved people.

The following Every Heartbeat Matters partners offer specific programs targeted to support underserved heart valve patients and the clinicians treating them.

Every Heartbeat Matters Clinician Resources

**AATS Graham Foundation Valve Fellowships:** Fellowships to enhance heart valve disease knowledge and skills for surgeons who treat patients with limited access to healthcare. Surgeons may apply for up to three months of visiting a host institution for advanced training and education. [www.AATSGrahamFoundation.org](http://www.AATSGrahamFoundation.org)

**AATS Graham Foundation Lawrence H. Cohn Clinical Scholar Program:** Fellowship to support cardiac surgeons who desire additional training in valvular surgery or care within five years of completing residency. Fellows must complete community service within one year of the Fellowships completion. [www.AATSGrahamFoundation.org](http://www.AATSGrahamFoundation.org)

**The Thoracic Surgery Foundation’s Every Heartbeat Matters Awards:** Grants up to $37,500 to qualified surgeons who are educating, screening and or treating underserved patients with heart valve disease around the world. [www.thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org/awards/edwards/](http://www.thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org/awards/edwards/)

**Medical Missions:** Volunteer your time and talent to educate, screen and treat indigent heart valve patients around the world. See a list of organizations providing these missions at [www.EveryHeartbeatMatters.org](http://www.EveryHeartbeatMatters.org).
Every Heartbeat Matters Patient Resources

**Patient Advocate Foundation Heart Valve Financial Aid Fund and CareLine:** U.S. heart valve patients experiencing barriers to care can receive free professional assistance and case management to help navigate the insurance and reimbursement system. [www.heartvalve.pafcareline.org](http://www.heartvalve.pafcareline.org) or call (866) 318-7892

**American Heart Association Heart Valve Patient Ambassadors:** Heart valve patients and their caregivers share their heart valve journey to help and support others. [www.heart.org/valves](http://www.heart.org/valves) or email heartvalve@heart.org

**American Heart Association Support Network:** Online community of heart valve patients dedicated to connecting and supporting one another. [www.heart.org/valves](http://www.heart.org/valves)

**Mended Hearts Patient Visitor Program:** Peer-to-peer support program to inspire hope and improve the quality-of-life for heart patients and their families before or after their heart procedure. [www.mendedhearts.org](http://www.mendedhearts.org), or call (888) HEART-99

**WomenHeart Champions:** Female heart valve patients who educate and support women with heart valve disease. [www.womenheart.org](http://www.womenheart.org), email mmcgowan@womenheart.org or call (202) 464-8735

**Angel Flight West:** Volunteers arrange free, non-emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions to receive vital treatment that might otherwise be inaccessible because of financial, medical, or geographic limitations. [www.angelflightwest.org](http://www.angelflightwest.org)
From our heart to yours.

Share your heartfelt appreciation, encouragement or love for one another with these little cards. Just remove them from this report and put one (or more) where someone you care about will find it. It might be on the chair of a co-worker, inside a book your child is reading, on a pillow, under a windshield wiper, or even hand one to someone personally.

It’s a simple way to let people know they have a place in your heart.

Are you on social media? Then take a picture of your card and tag it with #FromOurHeartToYours @EdwardsGiving (Facebook), or email us your picture to Edwards_Foundation@Edwards.com and it might make its way to our Facebook page!
You can do anything!

Thank you!

I believe in you!

The world is better because of you!