

Edwards Lifesciences Foundation 2009 Grantees

2009 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Ability Found

“Assistive Equipment Purchase Program” (\$10,000)

Funds will purchase medical and rehabilitation equipment that help individuals in Utah with a wide range of medical handicaps and disabilities become independent.

Achievement Institute of Scientific Studies (\$10,000)

This grant will provide funding for college preparation and application fees for economically disadvantaged high school students from Santa Ana, California.

American Heart Association

“30th Annual Orange County Start! Heart Walk” (\$15,000)

This grant will support the “30th Annual Orange County Heart Walk,” which will help fund key cardiovascular research and education programs.

Anaheim Interfaith Shelter

“Halcyon Child Development Center & Anaheim Interfaith Shelter” (\$10,000)

Funds will support a nine-month transitional housing program where Orange County residents focus on debt repayment, budgeting, and a savings plan with the goal of helping families build life skills that will assist them in obtaining and maintaining permanent, adequate housing.

Angel Flight West

“Wings Over Southern California” (\$5,000)

Funds will be used to expand Angel Flight West’s capacity to serve residents and healthcare providers with free air transportation in response to healthcare and other needs in Southern California.

Assistance League of Inland North County

“Operation School Bell” (\$5,000)

Funds will support Operation School Bell, a program that provides clothes to underprivileged children going to school in the Inland Empire and Camp Pendleton, California.

Boy Scouts of America

“2009 Distinguished Citizen Awards” (\$1,500)

Funds will sponsor the Boy Scouts’ annual award reception benefiting scouts and volunteers in the Jersey Shore area of New Jersey.

Boy Scouts of America, Orange County Council

“At-Promise Youth Program” (\$5,000)

Funds will support a program that educates participating youth in Orange County on the destructive consequences of gangs, drugs, and other risky behaviors.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Anaheim

“Motel Outreach” (\$2,500)

This grant will enable at-risk homeless children sheltered in hotels and low-income housing access to services and youth development programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Anaheim, California offering the hope of a positive future outside of poverty.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake

“SMART Moves” (\$2,500)

Funds will help support SMART (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) Moves, a program that helps young people in Salt Lake City, Utah resist alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by addressing the critical needs among youth, such as basic life and social skills, conflict resolution, health, fitness and self-esteem.

California Society for Biomedical Research

“Elementary Student Life-Sciences Activity Book” (\$8,500)

This grant will support the development and publication of a curriculum resource piece specifically structured for elementary students in California that introduces science and research topics.

Camp del Corazon

“Summer Camp Program” (\$15,000)

This grant will help to support Camp del Corazon's annual summer camping programs, which are offered free-of-charge to children in the U.S. and Canada ages seven to 17 with cardiovascular disease.

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (\$1,000)

Funds will support the campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, which helps to raise funds for the fight against tobacco use.

Centro de Ayuda y Terapia al Niño con Impedimento

“A Healthy Smile Will Bring A Healthy Heart” (\$15,000)

This grant will support a continuing project in Puerto Rico's rural communities to provide treatment of periodontal diseases in children and young adults.

CEO Roundtable on Cancer (\$5,000)

This grant will support a national forum that brings together key cancer leaders throughout the United States to collaborate to help eliminate cancer.

Chapman University

“Chapman CEO Summit” (\$3,500)

Funds will support the Chapman CEO Summit addressing the unique concerns of the biomedical device community around the world.

Children's Health Initiative of Orange County

“Enrollment and Retention for Comprehensive Healthcare Insurance for Irvine Children” (\$5,000)

This grant will pay for Healthy Kids health insurance, providing access to medical, dental and vision care for low-income uninsured children in Irvine.

CHOC Foundation

“CHOC Children's Cardiology Obesity and Lipid Clinic” (\$10,000)

This grant will help provide cardiac specialty care, individualized treatment plans and early intervention, curbing the impact of life-threatening cardiac illnesses associated with obesity in children and adolescents in Orange County.

CHOC Foundation

“Jade Room Glass Slipper Guild” (\$500)

Funds will sponsor the CHOC Jade Room Glass Slipper Guild's annual fundraiser benefiting the Children's Neuroscience Institute.

Community Action Partnership of Orange County

“Farm to Family” (\$5,000)

Funds will support the “Farm to Family” program, which works with a network of farmers to provide fresh produce and staple food items for low- income seniors, families with children and other populations in Orange County.

Community SeniorServ

“Safety Net” (\$10,000)

Funds will help provide food to approximately 1,300 seniors per day at local senior citizen centers and will also help provide home delivered meals to 1,100 homebound elderly in 20 Orange County communities.

Cornerstone Schools of Washington, D.C.

“Cornerstone Partner Program” (\$4,000)

This grant will provide tuition assistance for economically disadvantaged children in Washington, D.C., helping to instill a lifelong joy of learning by equipping them with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to become leaders.

Deborah Hospital Foundation – Puerto Rico Chapter

“Exercises To Well Being” (\$15,000)

Funds will support the foundation's objective to have an alternative for cardiovascular disease patients in Puerto Rico who are in need of specialized diagnostic studies and open-heart surgery.

Discovery Science Center

“Science to Go” (\$7,500)

Funds will help underwrite the cost of a program for Orange County students in 5th grade through high school to learn about the human heart.

Down Syndrome Association of Orange County

“An Investment in Good Health” (\$5,000)

Funds will be utilized to support the operation of a pediatric down syndrome program at Children's Hospital of Orange County, which will include a weekly outpatient clinic.

El Viento Foundation

“Giving Flight to the Youth of Oak View Community” (\$6,000)

This grant will help provide after-school tutoring, college preparation and enrichment programs to underprivileged Hispanic youth in central Orange County.

Families Forward

“Transitional Housing Program” (\$10,000)

Funds will be used to help provide life skills, counseling, career coaching as well as child care expenses for homeless to low-income families in south Orange County.

Free Wheelchair Mission (\$10,000)

This grant will help provide free wheelchairs to the disabled poor in the Dominican Republic offering not only the gift of mobility but also one of dignity, independence and hope.

Fundación Dr. García Rinaldi

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

Funds will be used to expand awareness of cardiovascular disease through public screening clinics in Puerto Rico.

Fundación Dr. García Rinaldi

“Summer Program for Talented Students in Science, Medicine and High School” (\$10,000)

Funds will provide scholarships to high school students in Puerto Rico that have an interest in the medical field.

Girl Scout Council of Orange County

“Girl Scout Leadership and Self Development Outreach Programs: Comadres en Accion” (\$5,000)

This grant will help provide Girl Scouting to girls in Santa Ana, California who come from low-income families by offering education, personal development and fun activities that encompass leadership development and other skills.

Giving Children Hope

“We've Got Your Back” (\$15,000)

Funds will provide support for the continuation of a nutritional outreach program for elementary students in the Orange County school districts who have been identified as homeless.

Golden West College Foundation

“Expanded Nursing Program” (\$15,000)

Funds will keep Orange County students current in the newest methods in healthcare by enrolling, educating and graduating new nurses.

Goodwill Industries of Orange County

“Assistive Technology Exchange Center Children’s Services” (\$15,000)

Funds will provide tools and training to enable children in Orange County with disabilities to communicate and learn basic skills such as reading, writing and math in order to prepare them for continued education and careers later in life.

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

“Westminster 2” (\$10,000)

Funding will support construction of two homes in Westminster, California that will provide decent, affordable living for hard working, low- income families.

Human Options

“Children's Counseling Program” (\$7,500)

This grant will support therapeutic interventions for young victims of domestic violence and weekly parenting classes for families in Orange County.

Irvine Adult Day Health Services

“Enhanced Therapies Program” (\$5,000)

Funding will support the “Enhanced Therapies Program,” designed to improve the health, independence and well-being of at-risk frail, elderly and disabled adults in Irvine, California who would otherwise not have the means to participate in the center's programs.

Irvine Children's Fund

“Before and After School Child Care Scholarship Program” (\$5,000)

This grant will provide scholarships at 22 Irvine, California schools for children in K - 6th grade of low-income working families, so that they can access safe and affordable childcare.

Irvine Valley College Foundation

“Annual Astounding Inventions” (\$500)

These funds will support the Foundation's 22nd Annual Astounding Inventions competition for its students in Irvine, California.

Isle Go Missions

“Caribbean Opportunity” (\$500)

Funds will be used to help build a home for a poverty-stricken family of four in Jamaica.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Orange County Chapter

“Walk to Cure Diabetes” (\$5,000)

These funds will help support the 2009 Orange County “Walk to Cure Diabetes,” which seeks to advance research for a cure for diabetes and its complications.

Kids of Kilimanjaro

“Monduli School Lunch Program” (\$500)

This grant will provide school lunches for underprivileged children in Monduli, Tanzania.

Knots-of-Love

“Knots-of-Love Chemo Caps” (\$1,000)

Funds will provide materials needed for hand-made knitted caps that will be given free to people battling cancer or other life-threatening illnesses around the world.

KOCE TV

“Annual Pledge Drive” (\$5,000)

Funds will support KOCE TV's annual pledge drive to provide educational TV to the Orange County, California community.

Laura's House

“Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter and Support Services Program” (\$10,000)

Funds will help provide 24-hour hotline/crisis intervention including food, clothing and life-skills training to Orange County women and their children who are fleeing family violence.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Orange County and the Inland Empire

“Wish Granting” (\$7,500)

Funds will allow wishes to be granted for children in Orange County and the Inland Empire with life-threatening cardiac illnesses, to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Utah

“Wish Granting” (\$7,500)

Funds will enable wishes to be granted for children in Utah with life-threatening cardiac conditions.

March of Dimes

“March for Babies – March of Dimes, Orange County Division” (\$2,500)

Funds will support the Orange County 2010 March of Dimes fundraising walk, March for Babies, working to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

MIND Research

“Orange County Math Initiative” (\$15,000)

Funds will support a five-year initiative that addresses the underachievement of 164 schools in 20 different school districts throughout Orange County, which score in the lowest three deciles of California's Academic Performance Index.

Miracle Flights for Kids (\$15,000)

Funds will support free access for children suffering from cardiovascular disease to medical facilities throughout the U.S. through the purchase of airline tickets and by coordinating the airline scheduling and commercial flight medical clearance requirements.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Salt Lake City, UT

“MS 150” (\$2,000)

Funds will support the Salt Lake City, UT Society's fundraising efforts for multiple sclerosis research.

National Police Rodeo Association

"Police Rodeo" (\$500)

Funds will support the Sixth Annual Police Rodeo by providing 100 show tickets to underprivileged children. Proceeds benefit the Special Olympics of Orange County.

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"Leave No Rim Netless Park Revitalization Campaign" (\$5,000)

Funds will support the revitalization of neglected community athletic infrastructure to facilitate educational and leadership building programs for disadvantaged youth in Santa Ana, California.

OC Marathon

"Kids Run the OC" (\$500)

Funds will support a comprehensive running and nutrition program for Orange County youth.

Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center

"In-Home Parent Empowerment" (\$8,000)

Funds will provide parenting educational services to families in Orange County identified as being at-risk for child abuse and family violence.

Orange County Community Foundation

"Corporate Partners Program" (\$20,000)

Funds support the Corporate Partners Program that provides services to a variety of programs for the underprivileged in Orange County.

Orange County Fire Services Association

"Annual Summer Benefit" (\$500)

Funds will support the Annual Winter Benefit Show by providing the opportunity for 200 underprivileged children in Orange County to attend the show.

Orange County Fire Services Association

"Annual Winter Benefit" (\$1,000)

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Orange County High School of the Arts Foundation

"Camp OCHSA" (\$5,000)

Funds will provide a free 12-week session of classes to low-income Santa Ana, California children in grades four through six in dance, music, creative writing and visual arts.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

"Summer at the Center" (\$5,000)

Funds will help support a two-week musical theater workshop targeting at-risk students in Orange County. The workshop is designed to increase self-esteem through active team participation in the arts, which culminates in staged public performances.

Orangewood Children's Foundation

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

Funding will support college scholarships for foster youth students in Orange County who are interested in higher education.

Pacific Symphony

“Class Act Music Education Program” (\$5,000)

Funds will support the continuation of the Pacific Symphony flagship education program of introducing young people in Orange County to symphonic music.

Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation

“Run for Emma Team” (\$1,000)

Funds will help support the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation's fundraising walk to end pediatric cancer.

Project Tomorrow

“YouthTEACH2Learn” (\$10,000)

Funds will provide training for high school students on how to structure and teach a hands-on, science or math lesson that meets grade-level state standards for elementary students in Orange County.

Saint Joseph Ballet

“2009-2010 Family Services Program” (\$5,000)

This grant will provide health, financial and vocational education, crisis intervention, counseling, long-term case management and referral services to low-income, Latino youth in central Orange County.

Someone Cares Soup Kitchen (\$5,000)

Funds will provide food for needy individuals in Costa Mesa, California and surrounding communities.

South Coast Repertory

“Corporate Circle Education & Outreach Programs” (\$5,000)

This grant supports programs bringing professional theater to schools and neighborhood centers throughout Southern California teaching children imagination, creativity, teamwork and self-expression.

South County Senior Services

“Project Independence” (\$5,000)

Funds will provide resources and improve the quality of life of Orange County seniors by promoting health, wellness, nutritional well-being and socialization to enhance their independence.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer

“Three Day Walk” (\$2,350)

Funds will be used to help raise money for the fight to end breast cancer.

Sutter Medical Center

“Pediatric Cardiology Outpatient Services” (\$5,000)

Funds will support an ongoing program of exercise, education and data collection of children in Sacramento, California with severe forms of congenital heart disease with the goal of improving long-term quality of life outcomes.

Thanksgiving Point Institute

“Career Exploration Experience” (\$5,000)

Funds will support the Career Exploration Experience at Thanksgiving Point Institute, where more than 2,000 students in Utah explore dozens of industries.

The Alzheimer’s Association, Orange County Chapter

“Maintain Your Brain” (\$5,000)

Funds will support Lifelong Wellness Expos, a series of three community expos in Orange County that provide interactive health and wellness activities and information on Alzheimer’s disease.

The Illumination Foundation

“Heart Smart Program” (\$5,000)

Funds will provide education for under-served families in Orange County regarding proper diet, exercise and lifestyle to promote cardiovascular health during bi-weekly educational workshops.

The Joyful Child Foundation

“OCKIDSafety360” (\$2,500)

Funds will support the education and empowerment of children in Orange County to recognize, avoid, prevent and escape from violence or other predatory situations.

The Laguna Playhouse

“Youth Education Programs” (\$5,000)

This grant will provide training in theatre and communications, professional performance experiences, and arts and literacy outreach to schoolchildren in South Orange County.

United Way of Orange County

“Bridge the Gap Corporate Program” (\$50,000)

Funds will support programs that provide emergency basic needs in the Orange County community.

University of Alabama in Huntsville Alumni Association

“2009 Alumni of Achievement Awards” (\$1,000)

Funds provide a scholarship at the university.

Vital Link

“Career Exploration Programs” (\$5,000)

Funds will support a venue where more than 4,500 Orange County students gain valuable knowledge regarding a variety of careers and how they fit into the work world.

Volunteer Center Orange County

“Retired & Senior Volunteer Program” (\$7,500)

Funds will support coordination and mobilization of more than 1,200 Orange County volunteers into 47 nonprofit agencies that utilize senior volunteers to provide much needed skills and labor to vital community organizations.

Working Wardrobes for a New Start

“Women's Day of Self Esteem” (\$5,000)

Funds will support the 20th annual Women's Day of Self Esteem, providing resources to approximately 125 at-risk female job seekers in Orange County.

2009 HEALTH GRANTS**Adult Congenital Heart Association**

“Heart to Heart” (\$25,000)

Funds will provide one-on-one peer support to ensure that individual and specific patient needs are met and personalized information is provided to adult congenital heart patients and their family members nationally.

Alliance for Aging Research

“Raising Awareness of Valvular Disease and Treatment in a Disproportionately Impacted Population” (\$25,000)

Funds will assist in addressing valve disease in the African American population in the U.S., targeting both physicians and patients in an effort to raise awareness of the prevalence of valve diseases, encourage diagnosis and optimal treatment, and promote effective patient-physician education.

American Heart Association- Orange County

“CPR Anytime” (\$25,000)

Funds support the distribution of 250 CPR Anytime kits, an innovative personal kit for learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to local community clinics, schools or hospitals in Orange County.

American Heart Association- New York City

“2009 New York City Heart Ball” (\$94,840)

This grant supports the 2009 New York City Heart Ball, raising funds for cardiovascular research.

Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation

“Direct Family Assistance” (\$15,000)

Funds will support a program that provides relief for urgent expenses to single parent and other financially distressed low-income and under-served families in several states across the U.S. during a child's catastrophic illness.

Angel Heart International

“Mending Young Hearts in Gansu” (\$25,000)

Funds will support under-served families with children born with life-threatening congenital heart defects in Gansu Province, China, by providing access to appropriate medical treatment and other services.

Aspirus Wausau Hospital

“Heart Valve Screening Program” (\$17,370)

This grant will support a “Heart Valve Screening Program” for seniors 65 and older in Michigan and Wisconsin, which is provided at no cost to promote cardiovascular awareness and education.

Bon Secours Richmond Foundation

“Bon Secours Surgical Services Minimally Invasive Training Facility” (\$25,000)

This grant will assist with establishing a minimally invasive surgical training facility in Richmond, Virginia to support acceleration of surgical knowledge and next generation technologies.

California Society for Cardiac Rehabilitation

“SCSCR Fall Regional Conference: Getting to the Heart of Cardiac and Vascular Surgery: Hybrid OR/Robotics/Percutaneous Valves” (\$1,000)

Funds will support a conference at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, California, which will focus on new technology, including hybrid operating room, robotics and percutaneous heart valves.

Cardiovascular Research Foundation

“Pulse of the City Gala” (\$25,000)

Funds raised by this event will be used by the foundation for continuing cardiovascular research.

Center for Women's Cardiac Health & Research, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center

“Community Screening for Heart Valve Disease and Coronary Ischemia in Women, Using Hand-Carried Cardiac Ultrasound” (\$35,000)

Funds support a pilot study in Long Beach, California using hand-carried ultrasound in community screenings to detect early ischemic and valvular heart disease in women.

Children's HeartLink

“Healing Hearts Worldwide” (\$50,000)

Funds will support the global efforts to treat children born with congenital heart disease and to prevent the spread of heart disease in childhood from rheumatic fever by increasing the number of training opportunities provided to partner hospitals in numerous developing countries.

Cleveland Clinic Foundation

"Lifestyle 180" (\$25,000)

Funds will support a one-year program in East Cleveland, Ohio to reverse cardiovascular disease by structured lifestyle modification involving nutrition, physical activity and stress management sessions.

Cleveland Clinic Foundation

"2009 Medical Innovation Summit" (\$25,000)

Funds will support a cancer symposium in Cleveland, Ohio that will focus on the latest trends in medical innovation.

Columbia University Department of Surgery

"COACH Online Training Module: Cardiac Interventional and Cardiac Surgery Sections Build Outs" (\$25,000)

Funds help create an extensive, online, interactive, "living textbook" employing surgical videos, image libraries and knowledge measurement tools for a cardiac interventional and surgery section.

Conemaugh Health Foundation

"Diabetes-Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program" (\$35,000)

Funds will continue a program that provides education, screening and early detection of patients who are at risk for diabetes-related cardiovascular disease in the underserved communities of western Pennsylvania.

Fogarty Institute for Innovation

"Wine with Heart Gala" (\$1,200)

Funds will support an event, which helps provide physicians and engineers with the skills and methodology to translate ideas into new patient therapies.

Foundation for the Advancement of Cardiothoracic Surgical Care

"Expansion of Regional Cardiovascular-Thoracic (CVT) Critical Care Courses and Online Education" (\$50,000)

Funds will provide for the extension of regional CVT critical care courses to the University of California, Los Angeles, and the expansion of the educational Web site.

Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

"NIH/FDA Exhibition: The Issue Was Patients - Developing Heart Valve Replacements" (\$25,000)

This grant will support an exhibition on heart valve development and evolution, housed at NIH in Bethesda, Maryland, and online components to make the exhibition available to virtual visitors worldwide.

Heart to Heart International Children's Medical Alliance

"Into the Heartland Campaign" (\$50,000)

Funds will enable the development of five self-sustaining pediatric cardiac centers throughout Russia, giving children access to modern heart care.

HeartGift Foundation

"HeartGift" (\$50,000)

Funds will allow this Texas-based organization to provide lifesaving open-heart surgery for children from countries where medical intervention is scarce or nonexistent.

Hoag Hospital Foundation

"Heart Valve Screening and Education for Orange County Seniors" (\$50,000)

This grant supports screening for Orange County seniors over the age of 65 for heart valve disease using the latest 3-D echo imaging technology and access to cardiovascular.

Institute for Health Technology Studies (InHealth)

“InHealth” (\$50,000)

Funds will support research and analysis of the social and economic value of medical technologies and their benefits to health, healthcare and society.

International Children's Heart Foundation

“Pediatric Cardiac Services for Santiago, Dominican Republic” (\$50,000)

Funds will support the ongoing initiatives for developing an independent pediatric cardiac surgical program in the Dominican Republic, including surgical teams and training of local physicians, perfusionists and nurses.

International College of Robotic Surgery

“International College of Robotic Surgery Training Curriculum Programs” (\$15,000)

Funds will support training in minimally invasive and robotic intracardiac surgery and robotic cardiac revascularization surgery at the college in Atlanta, Georgia.

International Hospital for Children

“Dominican Hearts Program: Sustainability Phase” (\$25,000)

Funds will support developing and implementing a comprehensive pediatric cardiac training program in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Joint Council on Thoracic Surgery Education (JCTSE) (\$250,000)

Funds will provide educational grants to physicians as they continue their education in cardiothoracic surgery.

Medical College of Virginia Foundation

“Multi-Island Outreach for Cardiac Screening for Congenital and Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease (RF/RHD)” (\$25,000)

Funds will support screening and diagnostic services by portable cardiac diagnostic technology to the children of St. Vincent and St. Lucia. Children diagnosed with rheumatic fever will be prioritized for surgical intervention through partner hospitals.

Memorial Hermann Foundation

“Memorial Family Medicine Residency/Communication of Cardiac Risk to Underserved Women” (\$25,000)

Funds will support a program in Houston, Texas to study 120 underserved women aged 35 to 74 who are identified as high-risk for cardiovascular disease. Patients gain insights into their risk for heart disease, and use this knowledge to modify their behavior.

Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation

“Girls and Moms on the Move” (\$25,000)

Funds will support a comprehensive six-part workshop in Minneapolis, Minnesota for young girls and their mothers on the value of a heart healthy lifestyle focusing on preventing obesity, healthier food choices and development of a positive body image.

National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease

“National Leadership Program” (\$25,000)

This grant will support the Science & Leadership Symposium at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, which trains patient-volunteers from across the county to conduct heart disease education and outreach in the communities where they live.

National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Serving the National Capital Area (NCA)

“Chronic Care Initiative” (\$25,000)

Funds will support a program to screen, educate and provide education to high-risk minority populations in the mid-Atlantic region. The NKF/NCA will test participants through free community health screenings and will host patient education seminars.

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

“6th Annual Saint Barnabas Health Care System Cardiovascular Symposium” (\$5,000)

Funds will support a one-day independent medical education cardiovascular symposium in New Jersey for cardiologists and other healthcare professionals who treat patients with cardiovascular disease, including risk management of diabetes and other related conditions.

New York-Presbyterian Hospital

“Free Community Cardiovascular Health Screening” (\$25,000)

Funds will support multiple community-based free health screening events in New York, which aim to connect underserved populations to cardiovascular health promotion, disease prevention and primary care services.

OCTANe Foundation for Innovation

“OCTANe Innovation Series” (\$25,000)

Funding will support educational programs focused on science and technology in Orange County, California.

OCTANe Foundation for Innovation

“Science Education and Innovation Development” (\$25,000)

Funds will support education of 1,500 people at the Fourth Annual California Medical Device and Investor Forum in Southern California through six educational panel discussions and a dedicated cardiovascular track.

Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance

“Second Annual Cardiovascular Symposium” (\$2,500)

Funds will support a cardiovascular symposium in Torrance, California for professionals in the cardiovascular field.

Providence St. Vincent Medical Foundation

“Year 2 Research Fellow: Outcome Research in Starr Academic Center to Improve Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease” (\$50,000)

This grant will support a research fellow to examine the cardiac database in the Medical Data Research Center, to improve outcomes for heart patients.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

“Interdisciplinary Research Collaborative” (\$25,000)

This grant provides undergraduate student research in Terre Haute, Indiana in the biological and chemical sciences in a 10-week, full-time program and teaches skills required to become better practicing scientists, engineers, or medical professionals.

Russian American Medical Association

“Siberian Pediatric Heart Project” (\$10,000)

Funds will support the development of a full-service pediatric and congenital heart surgery program and advancement of adult cardiac surgery program in Kemerovo, Siberia, Russia, which provides cardiovascular care.

Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta - Heart Center for Women

“Heart Center for Women's Health Fair” (\$7,500)

Funds will support a health fair offering heart-health screenings and educational information and materials to the underserved women in Atlanta, Georgia.

San Joaquin Community Hospital

“Second Annual Heart and Stroke Symposium” (\$3,000)

Funds will support the “Heart and Stroke Symposium” in Kern County, California, a two-day event focusing on a variety of heart and stroke topics including patient care and safety issues in the hospital setting.

Sepsis Alliance

“SA 12-Month Agenda” (\$50,000)

Funds will support Code Sepsis, a four-hour interactive, virtual reality, Web-based training for critical care management of septic events in the intensive care unit.

Share Our Selves

“SOS Chronic Care Program” (\$20,000)

This grant supports full scope medical care to uninsured Orange County residents living in poverty, including 1,100 patients with a chronic disease.

Society for Women's Health Research

“16th Annual Gala Dinner” (\$8,850)

Funds will support the Society's research programs, which seek to improve the health of women through research, education and advocacy.

Society for Women's Health Research

“What a Difference an X Makes - Part II” (\$35,000)

Funds will support a conference to review the progress of the last 20 years in several key areas of women's health: pain, cancer, stroke, cardiac diagnostics and surgery, infectious diseases, depression and autoimmune diseases.

Specialized Coronary Outpatient Rehabilitation

“Solvang Prelude” (\$2,500)

Funds will support a bicycling event to raise funds for organizations seeking to fight cardiovascular disease.

St. Joseph Hospital of Orange

“From the Heart” (\$25,000)

Funds will support cardiac screens via mobile medical clinics at locations throughout Orange County to identify individuals at high-risk for a cardiac event.

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation of Vancouver

“McLeod Family Professorship in Valvular Heart Disease Intervention” (\$50,000)

Funds will improve existing resources, clinical research services and develop an internationally recognized program in the management of valvular heart disease in British Columbia.

Stanford University Biodesign Program

“Biodesign Innovation Program” (\$25,000)

This grant will support training of next-generation leaders in biomedical technology innovation.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association

“2009 SCAA Leadership Development Program” (\$25,000)

Funds will support the development of a nationwide program to train community volunteers and advocates on how to execute a grassroots education campaign in their communities to prevent cardiovascular disease and sudden cardiac death.

Surgeons of Hope Foundation

“2010 Nicaragua Program” (\$50,000)

Funds provide support of two pediatric cardiac surgery missions in Nicaragua to improve access to modern surgical care for indigent children with heart disease as well as rehabilitation of the operating ICU facilities at La Mascota Children's Hospital.

The Larry King Cardiac Foundation

“Save A Heart A Day” (\$50,000)

Funds will support the organization’s goal to "Save A Heart A Day" by providing life-saving cardiac care to uninsured individuals.

The Mended Hearts

“Mended Little Hearts” (\$25,000)

This grant supports a nationwide program that provides education and access to needed resources to underserved families who have children with congenital heart defects assisting them to make informed decisions about care.

University of California, Irvine Foundation

“Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology” (\$2,100,000)

Funds will endow and develop The Center at the University of California, Irvine, which focuses on researching and developing the next generation of devices to help patients fight cardiovascular disease.

University of California, Irvine Foundation

"2009 Medal Awards" (\$25,000)

Funds will support the University of California, Irvine Regents' Scholars program and graduate fellowships.

University of California, Irvine Foundation

“Technology Awards Dinner” (\$2,500)

Funds raised at this event support undergraduate, graduate and professional education and research at the university.

University of Southern California

“Heart Failure 2010 - An Update on Therapy: Heart Failure, Arrhythmias, Hypertension” (\$7,000)

Funds will support this one-day symposium in Southern California designed to educate cardiologists, internists, primary care physicians and other healthcare providers in the prevention and treatment of heart failure, arrhythmias and hypertension.

University of Virginia

“Cedimat Dominican Republic Rheumatic Heart Disease Mission” (\$50,000)

Funds will support two medical and teaching missions in 2010 enabling the sustained delivery of screening cardiology clinics and therapeutic options for rheumatic heart disease in underserved populations in the Dominican Republic.

Walter Sisulu Pediatric Cardiac Centre for Africa (\$15,000)

Funds will support cardiac surgery for underprivileged children of Africa who have been diagnosed with cardiovascular disease and education, training and skills development to the medical community.