



EVERY HEARTBEAT MATTERS
EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES 2013 PHILANTHROPY REPORT



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A LETTER FROM MIKE

From Irvine, California, to Shanghai, China, and everywhere in between, philanthropy is at the heart of who we are and is a source of pride for our 8,500 employees around the world.

In 2013, we granted approximately \$5.5 million through The Edwards Lifesciences Fund to more non-profit organizations than ever. We also matched hundreds of employee gifts to their favorite charities, and more than 70 percent of our employees participated in charitable activities.

In 2014, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our fund by launching a new initiative – Every Heartbeat Matters – with a goal 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. By focusing our philanthropy on a problem we know well, we expect to drive a meaningful change for underserved patients.

We plan to commit at least half of our charitable giving through 2020 to Every Heartbeat Matters, and continue to help fund other health- and community-focused initiatives, particularly those that help critically ill patients and strengthen the communities where our employees live and work.

We are energized by the promise of this new initiative and we look forward to hearing stories about the lives touched by the non-profit organizations that we support.

All the best,

Michael A. Mussallem
Chairman and CEO



IN THE SPAN OF ONE HEARTBEAT...



You fall in love.
A child is born.
An innovation changes the world.
With every heartbeat, new possibilities await.

But for six million people in the U.S., and millions more around the world, heart valve disease could end their lives prematurely and take away millions of heartbeats.

That's why we launched Every Heartbeat Matters, a new charitable initiative with one bold 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.

SOME MAGIC FOR AJ

AJ is an inspiring boy who at five years old has already undergone 15 medical procedures, three of which were open-heart surgery, and he is also legally blind and deaf. But AJ is a happy child who loves music, swinging and Mickey Mouse.



Because of his medical condition, AJ cannot often be exposed to germs found at public parks, so he wished for a playground at home – and Edwards’ employee volunteers built him one!



A second surprise wish was granted to AJ at our holiday party when he and his family received annual passes to Disneyland.

We love you, AJ!

AN A+ FOR CARE

A few years ago, Edwards employees in Puerto Rico created a “Back-to-School” program for the community near our operations in Haiña. Employees nominate local families with school-age children who have special needs that are particularly deserving of support. This year, we received 19 nominations and helped each family with school supplies, gift cards and more.



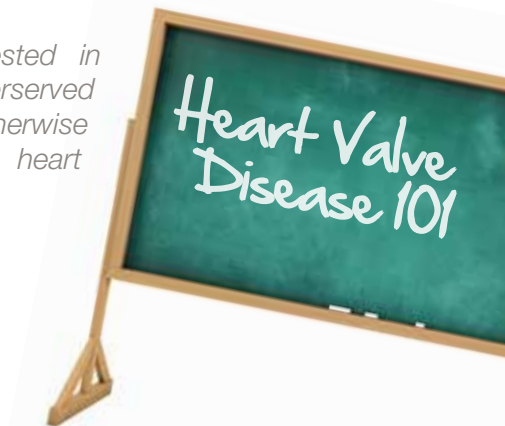
WHAT YOU KNOW CAN SAVE OTHERS

The first pillar of Every Heartbeat Matters is education for both the public and healthcare community. Over the next six years, we will increase our support of non-profit organizations around the world that specifically educate underserved people about heart valve disease.*

We will look for the most creative, effective and measurable ways to educate people worldwide about the signs and symptoms of this devastating disease.

Do you know of a way to reach people in remote locations? Can you explain what heart valve disease is to people of different cultures? Have an idea about how to inform people that is unique? Then let us know and let’s educate people all around the world together.

We’re especially interested in ways to educate underserved people who might not otherwise get information about heart valve disease.



** We define underserved people as those who have a health disparity as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as those who lack awareness of, or access to, medically appropriate heart valve-related healthcare.*



WE ♥ AHA

Throughout 2013, we partnered with American Heart Association (AHA) to educate the public and our employees about heart disease – the No.1 killer in the world. Employees sported red, and two of our executives, Aimee Weisner and Christine McCauley, served as the chair and chair-elect of the 2013

Go Red for Women campaign in

Orange County. Add in our support of

several Heart Balls and Heart Walks, plus

participation in National Eating Healthy Day, and it's easy to see how much we ♥ the AHA.



HEARTFELT THANKS

In November, Edwards received an award for "Outstanding Large Business" at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon in Irvine, California, for our support of the non-profit community in Orange County and our employees' enthusiasm for volunteerism. We were humbled to be recognized in front of more than 900 of our community friends who share our deep commitment to giving back.



HEARTS CORAZONES CŒURS ΜΙΟΥΟ 心中 СЕРДЦА

No matter what language doctors speak, it's important that they know about heart valve disease – while it impacts millions of lives, it is largely treatable.

Unfortunately, there is insufficient knowledge of heart valve disease around the world, even within the healthcare community. This means people suffering from this disease may never find out they are at risk, even when they do see a healthcare professional.



Well-trained clinicians play a significant role in reducing the global burden of this disease. So, in addition to educating the general population, we will support the education and training of clinicians who care for underserved patients on the best practices to diagnose and treat heart valve disease.

The more doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals who are aware of the disease, its symptoms and treatment options, the more lives around the world can be improved or even saved.

Do you know how to reach the healthcare community in underserved areas? Are there conferences or symposia that could inform healthcare communities about screening and treatment? If so, we invite you to apply for a grant.

To review the grant application details, please scan this QR code or visit EveryHeartbeatMatters.com.



“I WILL NOT LEAVE THIS PATIENT BEHIND”

Those were the words of Dr. David Adams when he met a young mother in the Dominican Republic while on a Mitral Foundation mission.

Through our support of the Mitral Foundation, she and many others received life-saving care for their diseased hearts and can enjoy life with their children and families.



WE PUT THE ART IN HEART

Art came to life in Japan when Edwards employees joined with Hands On Tokyo and provided art appreciation for the visually impaired. They met at the Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, and the volunteers shared with their guests how exhibits can be appreciated through hearing, touch and smell.



LET'S MAKE SURE THE BEATS GO ON

The second pillar of our Every Heartbeat Matters initiative is to increase heart screenings of underserved people to detect heart valve disease before it's too late.

We want to focus on those who are most at risk – people over the age of 50, those with a history of rheumatic heart disease, or a genetic predisposition.

There are many different screening techniques, from listening to your heart with a stethoscope, to echocardiography, where a moving image of your heart is created using sound waves.

We believe the more hearts screened, the more heartbeats can be saved.



Echocardiography is a simple procedure that uses sound waves to take “pictures” of your heart. It’s also called an echo test or heart ultrasound.

Visit Heart.org/heartvalves or scan this QR code to download the American Heart Association’s Valve Disease Symptom Tracker!



HEARTS IN MOTION

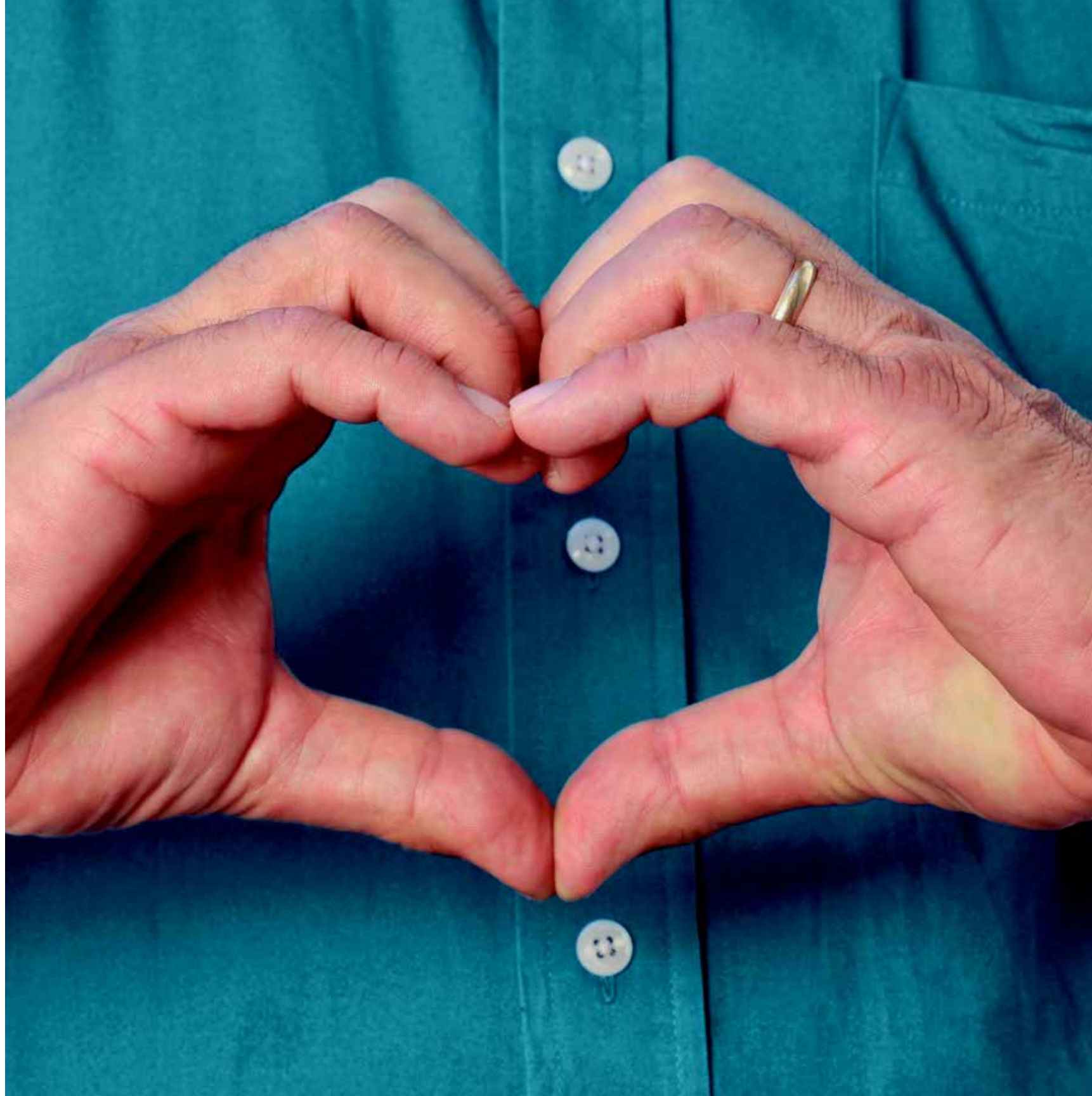
Since 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission has transformed the lives of over 734,000 individuals in 91 countries by giving them free wheelchairs. In 2013, 10 Edwards employees journeyed from Shanghai to Anyang, China, to assemble and distribute 550 wheelchairs to underserved people.



Hui-an, a 65-year-old woman who suffered a stroke, depended on her husband to carry her any place she needed to go. With her new wheelchair, Hui-an can now venture out by herself to visit her neighbors, shop, or do whatever she likes. She has regained her sense of independence, hope and dignity. Thank you Free Wheelchair Mission!

THEY'RE LOVIN' EDWARDS

Our employees in Sydney, Australia, brought holiday cheer to the Ronald McDonald House at Westmead Hospital. While the kids were at the hospital receiving their treatments, employees put up a holiday tree, decorated the house from room to room, then fired-up the barbecue, or "barbie" as they say, and cooked a feast. Now that's a happy meal!



SAVING LIVES ONE HEARTBEAT AT A TIME

The third pillar of Every Heartbeat Matters is treatment of underserved heart valve patients.

Around the world, many people have limited or no access to treatment for heart valve disease. Treatment can range from medical management to valve replacement or other surgical options.

Together with our partners around the world, we will commit resources to help improve access to treatment, provide medical equipment, support global medical missions, and provide transportation for patients to receive care.

From young children to seniors, in all parts of the world, every heartbeat we save is a gift.



Thanks to the American Heart Association, you can learn more about heart valve disease, its symptoms and treatment options by visiting Heart.org/heartvalves or scan this QR code.





HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

The Illumination Foundation works to end the cycle of homelessness in Orange County, California. The Foundation's Children's Resource Center provides a place where homeless youth can go for tutoring, therapy, mentoring, classes and meals.

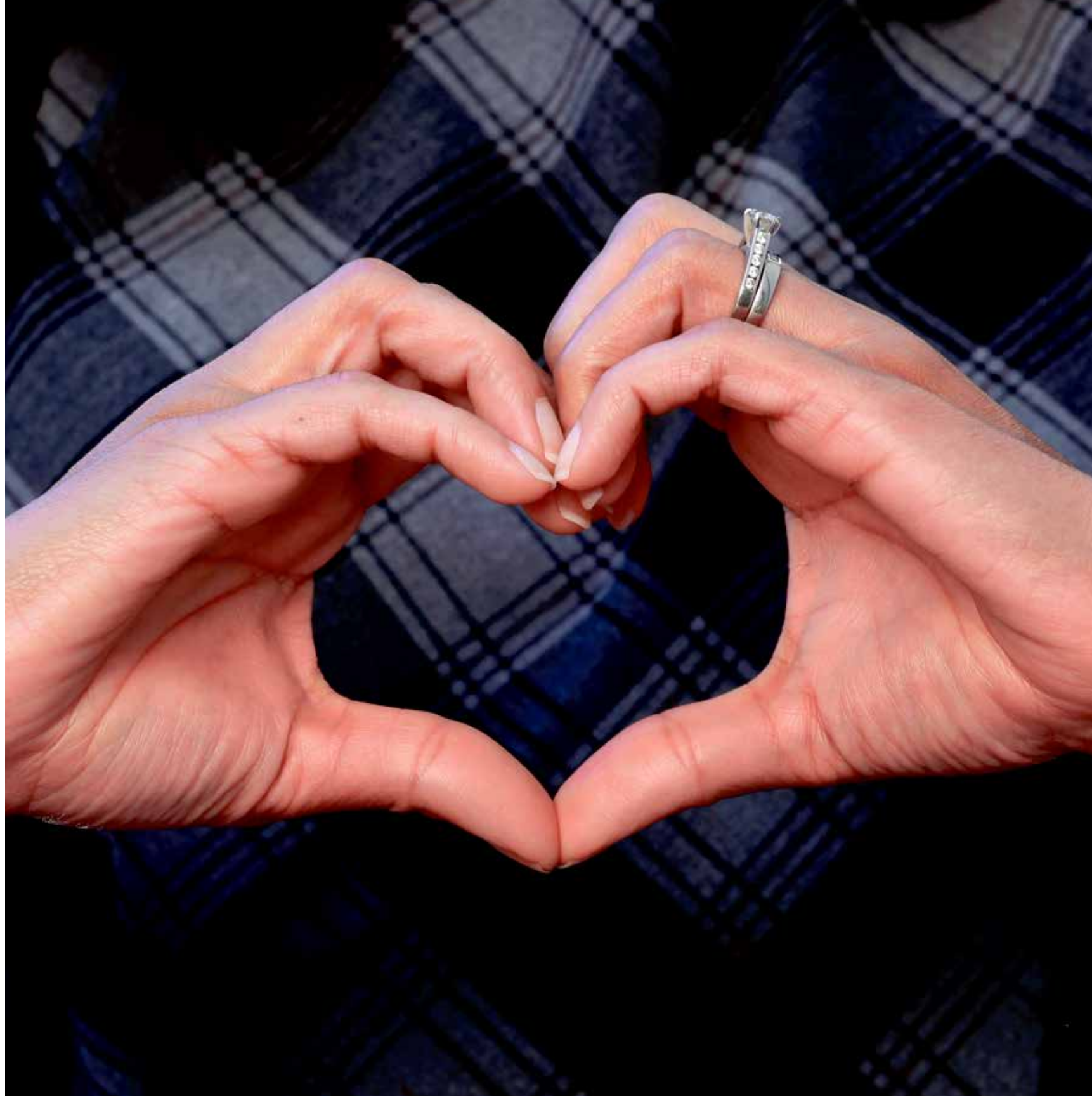
Nearly 100 Edwards employees helped build picnic tables, a playhouse and play kitchen, a mirrored cabinet and a wardrobe for career role-playing. Soccer equipment was also donated by Edwards. The employees even helped the youth with their homework! The kids still talk about wanting the "Edwards people" back for more crafts and activities.

WE HAVE THE WILL, THEY HAVE THE WAY

The 2013-2014 United Way Giving Campaign was our most successful campaign ever! More than 1,100 Edwards employees pledged funds and held events to help those in our neighborhoods who are facing challenging situations.



A sumo wrestling match turned our chief scientific officer, Stan Rowe, into our chief body slammer! The end result? Together with the dollar-for-dollar match from The Edwards Lifesciences Fund, we contributed more than \$450,000 to support United Way's important work in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.



SEND US YOUR HEART-HAND PHOTOS

If you're involved in an Every Heartbeat Matters program, whether it's education, screening or treatment, anywhere in the world, we want to hear your story and see your own heart-hand photos!

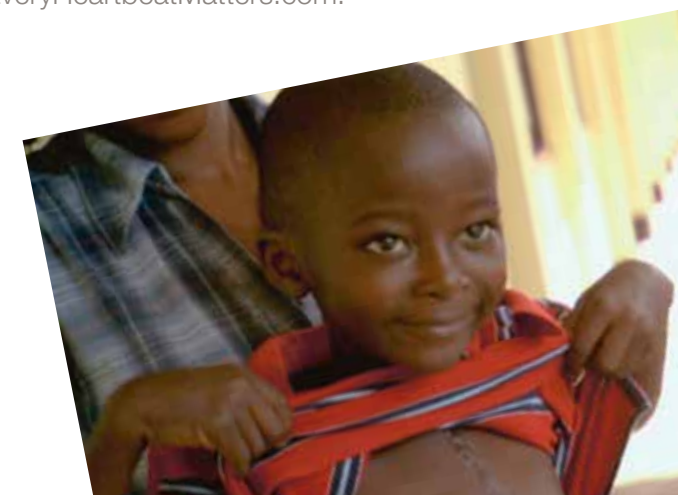
Here is how to make your own heart-hand photo:

1. Face the palms of your hands toward each other.
2. Point your thumbs down and touch the tips together.
3. Curl your fingers down towards each other until your fingernails touch. Adjust until you have a heart shape!
4. Have someone take a picture and send it to: EveryHeartbeatMatters@Edwards.com.



SOMETIMES SEEING IS BELIEVING

We invite you to watch the Every Heartbeat Matters video at EveryHeartbeatMatters.com.





HEART SMART TV

How do you get more people to learn about heart valve disease? Turn a powerful book into a TV show! Our Fund supported PBS's development of a one-hour segment highlighting lessons

from the book "*Heart 411*" by Dr. Marc Gillinov and Dr. Steven Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic. When the show aired, Edwards employees manned phones and took pledges to support PBS SoCaL!

MAKING STEM BLOSSOM

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are critical fields of education. To inspire more young minds to pursue these education paths, Edwards supports scholarship programs for high school seniors pursuing STEM college degrees who also demonstrate a financial need.

Each year, we issue four-year scholarships of \$2,500 per year (\$10,000 total) to 10 high-achieving students from Orange County, California, and Salt Lake County, Utah.

One recipient, Kathy Tran of West Jordan, Utah, received this scholarship in 2013 and is now majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Utah. Tran and the other scholarship recipients toured our facilities in Irvine and Utah to learn about careers in medical technology.

"There are so many career paths I could take to meet my interests," Tran said at the event at Edwards. "It's nice being around other people who also enjoy designing and producing the next generation of technology."

We couldn't agree more!



IT FEELS GREAT TO GIVE

Here is some information about how to become part of Every Heartbeat Matters through our annual grant cycle:

- We will consider grant applications for programs up to \$250,000; however, we expect that in 2014, most grants will be funded at \$100,000 or less. If you have a big idea, though, submit it. We want to hear it!
- U.S. recipient organizations must demonstrate 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) tax status. Organizations outside the U.S. must be a public charity that is similar.
- At least 10 percent of the content provided by educational programs must be focused on heart valve disease. Preference will be given to those with greater percentages.
- The 2014 grant cycle will be open for applications from April 28 to June 30, with funding recommendations announced by September 30. Future grant cycles will have a similar timeline.

We look forward to your participation in this important initiative and to celebrating the one millionth underserved person who we have helped together...because Every Heartbeat Matters!



IMAGINE HOW IT FEELS TO RECEIVE

For all the details about Every Heartbeat Matters, please visit EveryHeartbeatMatters.com or scan the QR code here.



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