For the twelfth year in a row, the CDC Foundation received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Only 1 percent of charities rated have received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

2019 Year in Review

$87,009,875
Contributions from donors and partners to help CDC save and improve more lives

99 & 105
99 domestic and 105 global programs with CDC

$888,406,263
Raised by the CDC Foundation to support 1,176 programs since 1995

204
CDC Foundation programs led by CDC around the world

1,747
Partnerships working together to make an impact since 1995

Program Highlights

TACKLING THE OPIOID OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC

Across the United States today, more than two million people have an opioid use disorder. As drug overdoses continue to increase nationwide, fewer and fewer families are left untouched by an epidemic that claims 130 lives in the United States each day. To help address the epidemic, CDC and the CDC Foundation are working together with partners to provide resources, expertise and more capacity to communities across the country who are struggling with this surge of opioid misuse, addiction and overdose.

DIGITAL BRIDGE INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Eighty-five percent of all health data is now electronic. The need for fast access to patient healthcare data is essential for timely, accurate and accessible disease surveillance. Digital Bridge is a public-private partnership of healthcare providers, health information technology developers and public health organizations working together to advance clinical care by developing data systems to exchange information between healthcare and public health. This innovative collaborative brings together key decision makers to solve information exchange challenges. The Sergey Brin Family Foundation is the lead CDC Foundation donor supporting this initiative.
Though the burden has drastically decreased in most industrialized nations, typhoid fever remains a serious health risk in much of the world. Spread through contaminated food and water, an estimated 26 million cases of typhoid fever occur worldwide each year, causing approximately 215,000 deaths. In countries like Zimbabwe, where the disease remains endemic, typhoid poses a recurring threat. In partnership with CDC and Gavi, the CDC Foundation rolled out a vaccination campaign that reached 320,000 people in nine suburbs of Harare, Zimbabwe. The information learned from this initiative will be used in a nationwide vaccination campaign planned by the country’s ministry of health.

NEW TOOLS AND SPANISH RESOURCES HELP CANCER PATIENTS

More than 650,000 cancer patients receive chemotherapy in an outpatient oncology clinic in the United States each year, and more than 100,000 are hospitalized because of the side effect, neutropenia or low white blood cell count. The Preventing Infections in Cancer Patients initiative, led by CDC and the CDC Foundation, with support from Amgen Oncology, was developed to help lower the risk of infection during chemotherapy. In 2019, the program commemorated a decade of helping patients by providing new educational resources and tools.

EVELYN AND THOMAS MCKNIGHT FAMILY FUND FOR PATIENT SAFETY

Dr. Evelyn McKnight is a survivor of one of the largest viral outbreaks in American health care history. While battling a recurrence of breast cancer in 2002, Evelyn was infected with hepatitis C during treatment. The McKnights have been working with CDC and the CDC Foundation to increase awareness about safe injection practices and patient safety for more than 10 years. They established the Evelyn and Thomas McKnight Family Fund for Patient Safety and The McKnight Prize for Healthcare Outbreak Heroes at the CDC Foundation to continue increasing awareness and prevention in this area.

PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE

Tragically, approximately 8 million people die from tobacco use worldwide each year. The CDC Foundation, in partnership with CDC, the World Health Organization, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other international partners, works with countries to implement surveys to track adult and youth tobacco use and related measures. Data from these surveys are used to enhance government capacity for tobacco control surveillance and monitoring. New data was released from the African Region through the Global Tobacco Surveillance System African Region Atlas, funded through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The CDC Foundation unites partners and resources to advance CDC’s critical work. Together, we are working to create innovative solutions to protect Americans from public health threats at home and abroad.

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