



Our company's Foundation (the "Foundation")—established in 1957—is funded entirely by our company and is our chief source of funding support for qualified nonprofit charitable organizations.

The Foundation supports eligible nonprofit organizations and innovative programs that are aligned with our two focus areas: [Health](#) and [Community](#).

Since its inception, the Foundation has contributed more than \$870 million to support initiatives that address important societal needs in a manner consistent with our company's overall mission to help the world be well.

The following [priorities](#) guide the Foundation's strategic partnerships and program investments:

HEALTH

We strive to improve health care quality and capacity as well as increase access to care for underserved populations in selected disease areas of global need and relevance to our company. We focus on the following non-communicable or chronic conditions: cancer, diabetes, hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS.

Key initiatives include:

- [African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships](#) (completed)
- [Alliance to Advance Patient-Centered Cancer Care](#)
- [Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes](#) (completed)
- [American Cancer Society —Patient Navigation Program](#)

- [BroadReach Institute for Training and Education—Management and Leadership Academy](#)
- [Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers – Building Capacity of Accountable Care Organization](#)
- [China/MSD HIV/AIDS Partnership \(C-MAP\)](#)
- [EngenderHealth—Mobile Outreach Program](#)
- [GARDASIL[®] Access Program](#) (completed)
- [HIV Care Collaborative](#)
- [Merck Childhood Asthma Network \(MCAN\)](#)
- [Save the Children—Frontline Health Workers initiative](#)

EDUCATION

As of 2016, we have phased out support of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education as a giving priority to more closely align our charitable giving efforts with our [corporate responsibility approach](#) and our company's mission. As a result, we are not making any new philanthropic investments in STEM education. There were two remaining graduate/post-graduate education initiatives for which funding concluded at the end of 2015: A partnership with UNCF, and another between the Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy and Purdue University.

COMMUNITY

We provide financial support and share the expertise of our employees through grant and volunteer programs that address critical health and social issues in communities where we have a presence.

Key initiatives include:

- [Neighbor of Choice Program](#)
- [Partnership for Giving](#)
- [The Children's Inn at NIH](#)