

Philanthropy at Merck

Merck & Co., Inc.* is a global research-driven pharmaceutical company dedicated to putting patients first. Established in 1891, Merck discovers, develops, manufactures and markets vaccines and medicines to address unmet medical needs. The Company devotes extensive efforts to increase access to medicines through far-reaching programs that not only involve the donation of Merck medicines, but also help deliver them to the people who need them. Merck also publishes unbiased health information as a public service.

Philanthropy is a major part of Merck's long-standing commitment to corporate responsibility. Within the Office of Corporate Responsibility (OCR), we undertake a wide range of corporate responsibility and philanthropic programs that are developed and implemented locally, nationally, regionally and globally, and we have specific mechanisms in place to help us meet our corporate responsibility objectives. Three of these mechanisms are the **Merck Office of Contributions**, the **Merck Office of Global Health Partnerships** and **The Merck Company Foundation**.

In 2007, Merck's philanthropic contributions totaled \$828 million, consisting of cash contributions (\$62 million), product donations through the U.S. Patient Assistance Programs (\$161 million), and product donations through the Merck Medical Outreach Program and the Merck *Mectizan* Donation Program (\$605 million). We also provide technical expertise and program management.

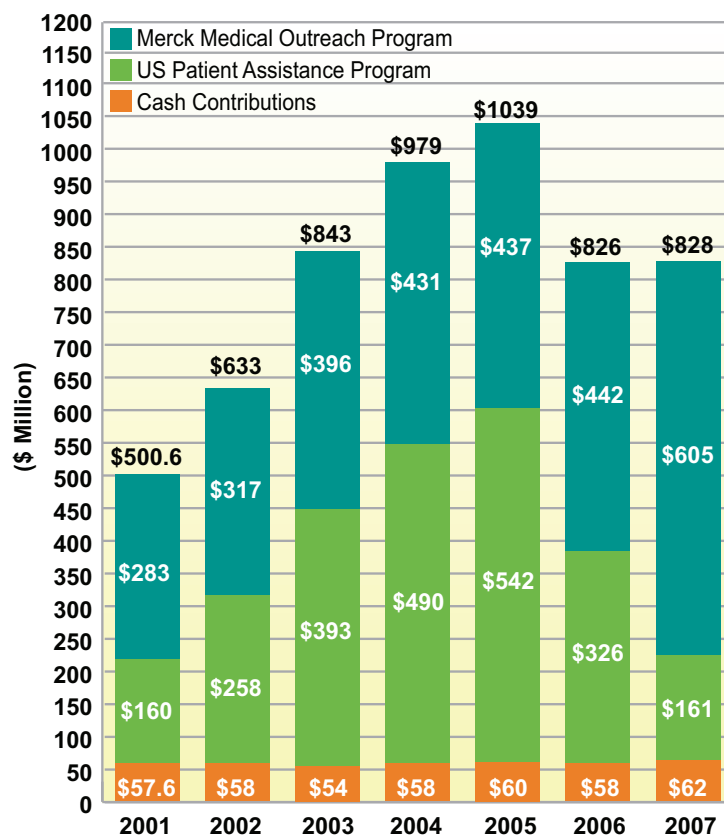
Office of Corporate Responsibility

The Merck Office of Corporate Responsibility, through the Office of Contributions and the Office of Global Health Partnerships, supports charitable and philanthropic organizations that contribute to and advance our society in meaningful ways. The OCR helps guide the strategic direction of the Company's philanthropic activities and participates in their implementation. The OCR also coordinates the Company's disaster response efforts.

The Merck Company Foundation

The Merck Company Foundation is a US-based, private charitable foundation. Established in 1957,

Merck Contributions



Total Merck cash contributions are the sum of contributions from The Merck Company Foundation and Merck & Co., Inc.

The Merck Company Foundation is funded entirely by Merck and is the Company's chief source of funding support to qualified nonprofit charitable organizations. The Foundation's mission is to support organizations and innovative programs in the United States and around the world that:

- Expand access to medicines, vaccines and quality health care
- Build capacity in the biomedical and health sciences
- Promote environments that encourage innovation, economic growth and development in a fair and ethical context
- Support communities where Merck employees work and live

* Merck & Co., Inc. operates as Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) in most countries outside the United States.



Programs and Partnerships: Toward Better Global Health

The Merck Company Foundation

The Merck Company Foundation supports initiatives that address societal needs and are consistent with our overall mission to enhance the health and well-being of people around the world. Major programs in the area of global health include:

- ***The African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships (ACHAP)***
A partnership among the Government of Botswana, Merck and The Merck Company Foundation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support and enhance Botswana's national response to HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive approach to prevention, care, treatment and support.
- ***China-MSD HIV/AIDS Partnership***
A public-private partnership with China's Ministry of Health to provide HIV/AIDS prevention, patient care, treatment and support. Announced in May 2005, the project is focusing on a range of interventions including: education, counseling, testing, harm reduction and health services, including treatment and care for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- ***The Merck Vaccine Network – Africa (MVN-A)***
Launched in 2003, MVN-A is a multi-year initiative to help increase the capacity of immunization programs to deliver vaccines effectively in Africa through training of national and regional health care workers in vaccine management and immunization services. In 2007, The Merck Company Foundation renewed funding to the centers in Kenya and Mali along with a commitment to fund the development of two new MVN-A centers in Uganda and Zambia.
- ***Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc. (MCAN)***
A nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, the Merck Childhood Asthma Network (MCAN) was established in 2005 to address the complex and growing problem of pediatric asthma. Funded by The Merck Company Foundation, MCAN works to support and advance evidence-based programs that improve the quality of life for children with asthma and their families and to identify effective interventions to reduce the burden of this disease.
- ***ICN/Merck Mobile Libraries***
Since 2001, Merck has partnered with the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and Elsevier, the leading publisher of scientific reference textbooks, to help nurses in rural Africa gain critical access to quality health care information. The ICN/Merck Mobile Library Project provides traveling libraries of health education and reference materials, including donated copies of *The Merck Manual – Home Edition*. Each ICN/Merck Mobile Library contains up-to-date information on family and community health, disease prevention, health promotion and health services. To date, the project has delivered more than 175 libraries to nurses working in remote areas of 17 African countries.

Office of Corporate Responsibility Product Donations:

The Office of Corporate Responsibility coordinates Merck's cash contributions and product donations. We provide our products free of charge through several channels:

- ***The Merck Medical Outreach Program (MMOP)***
Now in its 50th year, the Merck Medical Outreach Program is the primary mechanism through which Merck donates its pharmaceuticals and vaccines to a selected group of qualified, US-based, private voluntary organizations (PVOs) for use in the developing world and in support of disaster relief and emergency situations worldwide. In 2007, Merck donated nearly \$605 million in pharmaceuticals and vaccines through the program.
- ***The Merck Mectizan Donation Program***
The year 2007 marked the 20th anniversary of the Mectizan Donation Program (MDP), the longest ongoing disease-specific drug donation program and public-private partnership in history. In 1987, Merck committed to donate its drug MECTIZAN® (ivermectin) for the treatment of onchocerciasis (river blindness) to all who need it for as long as necessary until the disease is eliminated as a public health problem. In 1998, Merck expanded its commitment to include the elimination of lymphatic filariasis (LF) in African countries and Yemen, where LF co-exists with river blindness. The program currently reaches more than 69 million people through river blindness programs in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East (Yemen) each year.
- ***US Patient Assistance Program (PAP)***
Merck established the Merck PAP 50 years ago, making it one of the first such programs in the industry. Today, hundreds of thousands of patients in the United States without prescription drug coverage receive free medicines through this program each year. The program has a simple enrollment process and offers free delivery of medicines for qualified applicants to their home or doctor's office.
- ***Disaster Relief***
When it is appropriate to do so, Merck, through its Office of Corporate Responsibility, provides disaster relief as part of its philanthropic outreach. Our relief efforts often include donations of medicines working through established channels and with trusted partners. In 2007, Merck donated nearly \$6 million in medicines, vaccines and direct financial contributions in support of relief activities following the earthquake that struck the southern coast of Peru, Tropical Storm Noel, and the severe flooding in Mexico.

More information on these and other programs supported by Merck & Co., Inc., The Merck Company Foundation or the Office of Corporate Responsibility can be found at www.merck.com/cr