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Medtronic Foundation focuses on expanding access to quality chronic disease care among underserved populations worldwide, and supports health initiatives in communities where Medtronic employees live and give.

Our Global Health work is focused on improving health outcomes for underserved populations around the world. In particular, we support chronic disease management programs such as heart disease and diabetes, supporting successful models of care for acute conditions, and empowering patients and frontline healthcare workers to ensure their experiences are represented in the larger global dialogue about healthcare.

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With roots in the world's largest global medical technology company, the Medtronic Foundation has an opportunity and responsibility to be a leader on global issues impacting health. The Medtronic Foundation is focused on global health, community well-being, and volunteer engagement. Our specific goals include:

1. Improving health outcomes and health care efficiency in Medtronic disease states for underserved populations through models of innovation, scale and sustainability.
2. Advancing the flourishing of communities where we live and work by addressing the social determinants of health through good corporate citizenship.
3. Enriching employees' and patients' experiences and empowering them to positively impact local communities by leveraging their skills, time and resources.

Work on Global Health and NCDs

Our global health work focuses on improving health outcomes and health care efficiency through signature programs and targeted opportunity grants. In addition, our global health work supports meaningful inclusion of underserved patients, caregivers and frontline health workers as advocates in global policy discussions.

Signature Programs

The Medtronic Foundation operates three signature global health programs focused on improving chronic disease and acute care outcomes among underserved populations through scalable and sustainable models. These signature programs are multi-country, multi-stakeholder, multi-year initiatives and focus on the following:

- **Integrated Care Models for Diabetes and Hypertension:** HealthRise is a five-year program that aims to contribute to the World Health Organization's goal of reducing premature mortality associated with diabetes and cardiovascular disease through community-based diabetes and hypertension diagnosis and management projects in Brazil, India, South Africa and the United States.
- **Acute Care Models for Heart Attacks and Time-Critical Events:** The HeartRescue Project works to improve how sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) and ST elevated myocardial infarction (STEMI) is recognized and treated in communities in China, India, Brazil and the United States.
- **Rheumatic Heart Disease:** RHD Action is a coalition of global organizations working to improve Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) prevention and control globally, with nationally scalable demonstration models in Tanzania and Uganda.

Opportunity Grants

The Medtronic Foundation also operates opportunity grants: one-year, focused grants to test innovative models of achieving health outcomes and healthcare efficiency for underserved populations.

Examples include testing a community health promoter model in New York to improve chronic disease prevention and health literacy in partnership with Grameen PrimaCare; supporting community health worker education to address NCDs in partnership with Last Mile Health; conducting a feasibility study for a women's health bond in the US in partnership with Impact Investment Exchange (IIX); and many more.

Bakken Invitation

Medtronic Foundation's Bakken Invitation honours inspiring individuals from around the world who have overcome health challenges thanks to medical technology. Named after Medtronic co-founder Earl Bakken, the Invitation brings together and recognises individuals who "Live On" through their advocacy contributions, "Give On" through innovation, and "Dream On" through their vision of a better world. [Watch video](#) [1]

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