

BACKGROUND

Established in 1944 by hotel entrepreneur Conrad N. Hilton, the foundation remained relatively small until his death in 1979 when he bequeathed virtually his entire estate to the foundation. In accordance with Hilton's Last Will and Testament, the foundation seeks to alleviate the suffering of the world's most disadvantaged, with a special emphasis on children and support for the work of the Catholic Sisters. More than 50% of its grants support international projects.

The foundation identifies critical societal needs, then proactively initiates major, long-term projects with selected partner organizations for implementation. Offices are located in Los Angeles, California, and Reno, Nevada, U.S.A.

**ESTIMATED
CURRENT WORTH**

The foundation and its related entities have total assets of nearly \$2.6 billion. To date, more than \$490 million has been distributed for charitable projects worldwide.

**MAJOR PROJECT
HIGHLIGHTS**

Blindness-Related Services & Prevention—Since 1989 the foundation has supported the *Perkins School for the Blind* with \$47 million in grants, plus an additional \$15 million program-related investment, to help children who are blind with multiple disabilities. Additionally, \$24 million has been granted for trachoma control and prevention activities. Partners in this effort include *The Carter Center*, *Helen Keller International*, and the *World Health Organization*. Trachoma is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness.

Safe Water Development—In 2002, the foundation launched a public-private partnership to provide potable water and sanitation to rural villages in Ghana, Mali and Niger, West Africa. Of the \$43 million commitment, \$19 million is being provided by the foundation. In partnership with the *Millennium Water Alliance*—a collaborative effort of non-governmental organizations—and *World Vision*, the foundation expanded its funding of water programs to Ethiopia in 2006, with new commitments of \$13 million. In total, the foundation's cumulative investment in water projects worldwide over 16 years is \$59 million.

Early Childhood Development—In 1997, the foundation entered into public-private partnership with the *United States Head Start Bureau*, the *California Institute on Human Services at Sonoma State University* to develop services for infants and toddlers with disabilities in Early Head Start and Migrant Head Start programs nationwide. The foundation has provided \$19 million of the program's \$39 million cost.

Homelessness—Since 1992, the foundation has awarded \$20 million to the *Corporation for Supportive Housing* to facilitate the development of supportive housing for mentally ill homeless people, with \$8 million focused on Los Angeles, California. In 2004, the foundation helped establish the *Partnership to End Long-Term Homelessness*, a national funders' collaborative with initial commitments of \$37 million. Additionally, in 2006, the foundation committed \$7.6 million, to be matched by \$3.7 million, over five-and-a-half years to the *National Center on Family Homelessness* to improve the housing, health and development of homeless young mothers and their children in Los Angeles, and either Chicago or Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Substance Abuse—Since 1982, the foundation has distributed \$53 million to the *RAND Corporation* and *The BEST Foundation for a Drug Free Tomorrow* to develop and disseminate Project ALERT, a middle school-based curriculum implemented in all 50 U.S. states.

Catholic Sisters—Since 1986, the *Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters* has distributed \$50 million in grants to more than 4,000 projects worldwide.

Hotel & Restaurant Management Education—Since 1969, the foundation has provided \$55 million for hospitality management education. Of that amount, \$46 million has been provided to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the *University of Houston*.

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