



Fact Sheet

Conrad N. Hilton, founder of Hilton Hotels, established the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation in 1944. An entity legally separate from Hilton Hotels (now known as Hilton Worldwide) the Foundation remained relatively small until our founder's death in 1979. Mr. Hilton bequeathed virtually his entire estate to the Foundation with a charge to relieve the suffering of disadvantaged and vulnerable people throughout the world. Following his father's example, Barron Hilton has committed the bulk of his personal fortune to the Foundation as well.

ESTIMATED CURRENT WORTH

The Foundation's current assets are approximately \$2.8 billion. From its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.6 billion in grants, distributing \$114.9 million in the U.S. and around the world in 2017.

PHILANTHROPY

Rooted in the life interests and last will of our founder, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation identifies critical societal needs, and then proactively initiates major, long-term projects with select partner organizations for implementation. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Strategic initiatives involve partnering with grantees, generating new knowledge, giving voice to issues, and joining with others to achieve measurable impact.

Safe Water - Accelerating the coverage of reliable access to safe and affordable water services in households, health facilities and schools in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Niger and Uganda. Since 1990, the Foundation has invested \$168 million in water projects.

Homelessness - Ending chronic homelessness in Los Angeles County. Since 1990, the Foundation has invested \$136 million in support of efforts to end chronic homelessness in the United States, including more than \$102 million in Los Angeles County.

Substance Use Prevention - Preventing youth substance use through access to early intervention. Since 1982, the Foundation committed \$124 million to substance use prevention projects. In 2013, the Foundation launched a new strategic initiative to advance SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment), a public health approach to prevent addiction, awarding \$57.5 million since the start of the new initiative.

Young Children Affected by HIV and AIDS - Improving early childhood development outcomes for young children affected by HIV and AIDS. Focus countries are Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia. Since 2009, the Foundation has invested \$78 million.

Foster Youth - Achieving healthy and productive lives for transition age youth in foster care. Since 2012, the Foundation has committed \$63 million to help young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are transitioning out of the foster care system in Los Angeles County and New York City.

Catholic Sisters - Building a global sisterhood to advance human development. Since 1982, the Foundation has awarded \$323 million to support the work of Catholic sisters. In 2013, the Foundation launched the Catholic Sisters Strategic Initiative. Since then, the Foundation has awarded \$105 million to strengthen congregations by building the capacities of Catholic sisters across the globe in the areas of membership, leadership and resources.



**MAJOR
PROGRAM
AREAS**

The Foundation also gives priority to the following program areas.

Avoidable Blindness - Preventing avoidable sight loss from cataract and supporting global efforts to eliminate trachoma. Since 1997, the Foundation has committed more than \$73 million toward these efforts.

Multiple Sclerosis - Seeking a cure and improving quality of life for those who live with multiple sclerosis, the Foundation has awarded over \$44 million since 1956 to assist researchers and practitioners in their quest.

Disaster Relief and Recovery - Supporting disaster preparedness, relief and long-term recovery. Since 1989, the Foundation has awarded \$42 million internationally and domestically for disasters, including support for refugees and responding to epidemics.

Catholic Education - Revitalizing Catholic schools to serve low-income families. Since 1989, the Foundation has awarded \$46 million to Catholic schools. In 2015, the Foundation approved guidelines for the Catholic Education major program area. Since that time, the Foundation has awarded \$13 million to improve the operational vitality of Catholic schools locally in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and nationally.

Hospitality - Building career pathways for youth in the hospitality sector. Since 1969, the Foundation has awarded \$101 million for hospitality education, with \$64 million provided to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Houston. The Foundation's current efforts focus on providing career pathways for opportunity youth in New Orleans.

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