



DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE CARE OF OLDER ADULTS

The John A. Hartford Foundation

ABOUT THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION

The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan philanthropy dedicated to improving the care of older adults. In 2015, The John A. Hartford Foundation paid out \$20.2 million on a total of 80 active grants and committed \$25.3 million to 24 new grants projects, all focused on the care of older adults. The John A. Hartford Foundation is America's leading philanthropy with a sustained interest in aging and health.

THE NEED FOR BETTER GERIATRIC CARE

Our efforts are critically important because the country is aging rapidly. Every eight seconds, someone in America turns 65. The largest-ever generation of older adults is living and working longer, redefining later life, and enriching our communities and society. Comprehensive, coordinated, and continuous care that keeps older adults as healthy as possible is essential to sustaining these valuable contributions.



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OUR APPROACH

The John A. Hartford Foundation believes that investments in aging experts and innovations will transform how care is delivered, lowering costs and improving outcomes for older adults and their families. To this end, the Foundation has five approaches for grantmaking that improve the care of older adults:

1

Leadership in Action: Empowering emerging leaders and experts in the care of older adults to make change that improves the health of older adults.

2

Linking Education and Practice: Training current practitioners in today's best care of older adults while continuously enhancing curricula and educational programs needed for the care of tomorrow's older population.

3

Models of Care: Making evidence-based models that deliver quality care with better outcomes at a lower cost accessible to older adults.

4

Tools and Measures for Quality Care: Promoting quality measures, health information technology, and standards that support appropriate care for older adults.

5

Public Policy & Communications: Outreach, advocacy, and research that inform the development of effective health and aging policies.

SUPPORTING CARE INNOVATIONS

Today, The John A. Hartford Foundation is spearheading the development and spread of evidence-based, cost-effective models of care that are improving the care of older adults in hospitals and in communities across the country. These include:

- **The Care Transitions Program**, which reduces the likelihood of avoidable hospital readmissions by half and is in use in 925 organizations across 44 states.
- **Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC)**, which helps increase the availability of quality palliative care services in 90 percent of large hospitals for people facing serious, complex illness.
- **NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders)**, with a network of more than 620 hospitals and healthcare facilities working to improve the care of older adults.
- **HELP (Hospital Elder Life Program)**, based at the Harvard-affiliated Hebrew Senior Life, reduces the rate of delirium by 40 percent among hospitalized older adults.
- **Geriatric Co-Management for Geriatric Hip Fracture**, an innovative program to increase person-centered care, improve outcomes, and lower costs for the more than 330,000 older adults hospitalized for hip fractures each year.



INFORMING THE HEALTH CARE DIALOGUE

The Foundation's blog, Health AGEnda (jhartfound.org/blog), provides a respected and influential forum for analyzing events and stimulating debate on a host of health and aging issues.

SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Over three decades, the Foundation championed geriatrics research and education to better prepare the professional workforce to care for the aging population. This program has supported:

- More than 3,000 scholars in medicine, nursing, and social work who have developed a robust knowledge base and trained hundreds of thousands of students; and
- The development of basic geriatrics competency standards that have been embedded into training curricula across the country.

OUR HISTORY

Founded in 1929 by John and George Hartford of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A & P), The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan philanthropy dedicated to improving the care of older adults.



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