

“ I will not be silenced and I will not give up and I will not be ignored.”

With these words, Elizabeth Taylor lent her voice to the voiceless and her iconic image to those who had been rendered invisible:



people with HIV/AIDS. In 1985 Elizabeth Taylor’s California-based AIDS organization joined forces with Dr. Mathilde Krim’s AIDS Medical Foundation to form amfAR. Dr. Krim remains amfAR’s revered Founding Chairman. Dame Elizabeth, its Founding International Chairman, passed away in March 2011 but her spirit lives on in amfAR’s continuing quest to bring an end to AIDS.

## A History of Accomplishment



By investing in cutting-edge science and responding quickly to emerging opportunities, amfAR has been accelerating the pace of AIDS research for more than 30 years. amfAR prides itself on being a research venture capitalist by investing in new ideas that are often deemed too novel or risky for government funders.

Our research investments—made principally through grants and fellowships awarded to leading researchers worldwide—have led to major advances in HIV treatment and prevention. For example:

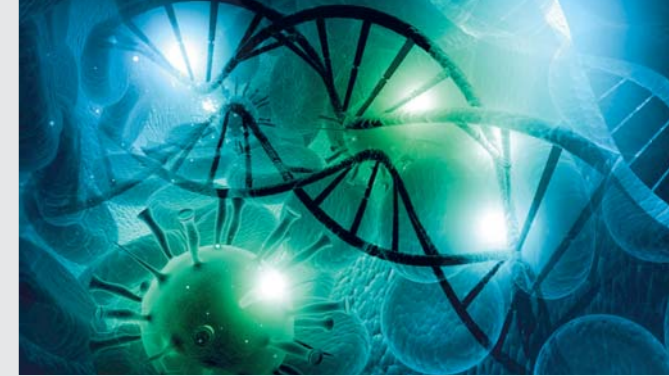
- amfAR supported the early studies that were critical to the development of protease inhibitors, the powerful drugs that revolutionized the treatment of HIV/AIDS and contributed to a drastic reduction in AIDS-related deaths.
- In fact, amfAR-funded research has contributed to the development of four of the six main drug classes that are helping people with HIV/AIDS live longer, healthier lives.
- amfAR pioneered the research that led to treatments that prevent mothers from passing HIV onto their newborn children. As a result, mother-to-child transmission has been virtually eliminated in many parts of the world.

## LEADING THE SEARCH FOR A CURE

For more than a decade, amfAR has been accelerating the search for a cure for HIV. Because the fact is, we won’t end the epidemic without one.

In 2014 amfAR launched the Countdown to a Cure for AIDS, a \$100 million research initiative aimed at developing the scientific basis for a cure by 2020. The cornerstone of the Countdown is the amfAR Institute for HIV Cure Research, based at the University of California, San Francisco, where teams of highly skilled investigators are working collaboratively to overcome the scientific obstacles to a cure.

- The Countdown to a Cure represents **the greatest expansion of research grant making in amfAR’s history**. It is designed to support any promising research idea with the potential to get us closer to a cure.
- As of 2017, amfAR has awarded Countdown grants totaling more than **\$41 million** to support research conducted by **over 220 scientists working at 74 institutions in 10 countries**.



- Launched in 2010, the **amfAR Research Consortium on HIV Eradication**, or **ARCHE**, supports collaborative teams of scientists in the U.S. and around the world working on a range of HIV cure strategies.
- Through multi-year research grants, **amfAR is pursuing a cure through multiple cutting-edge strategies**, including cell and gene therapy, bioengineering, immunotherapy, and the use of broadly neutralizing antibodies.

Developing a cure for HIV is one of the most formidable scientific challenges of our age. It will take time and money. But with your support, we *will* achieve it.

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**COUNTDOWN**  
TO A CURE FOR AIDS

## Global Solutions to a Global Epidemic

Since awarding its first international grant in 1986, amfAR has supported HIV research, prevention, education, and advocacy efforts in regions of the world that have been particularly hard hit by AIDS.

amfAR’s TREAT Asia program is a network of clinics, hospitals, and research institutions working with civil society to ensure the safe and effective delivery of HIV/AIDS treatments throughout Asia and the Pacific. TREAT Asia’s pediatric network is helping to improve treatment and care for the roughly 190,000 children living with HIV in the region. TREAT Asia is widely regarded as a model of regional collaboration on HIV/AIDS.



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## An Effective Advocate

One of the earliest and most respected advocates for people living with HIV/AIDS, amfAR galvanized national leadership on AIDS and was instrumental in securing the passage of key legislation that has formed the bedrock of the U.S. response to AIDS for more than three decades.

amfAR continues to work in the U.S. and worldwide to advocate for increased funding for HIV/AIDS programs; to promote evidence-based approaches to HIV prevention, treatment, and care; to oppose the stigma and discrimination that surround HIV infection; and to confront the prejudice against minority populations that makes them especially vulnerable to the virus.

## Isn't the AIDS crisis over?

No, far from it. AIDS remains the gravest public health crisis of our time. It has already killed 35 million people, and 37 million more are living with HIV, including more than a million Americans. In the U.S., 40,000 people become infected with HIV each year.



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Around the world, millions remain without access to lifesaving HIV/AIDS drugs, and for every two people put on treatment, three more become infected. The cost of treatment and care places a huge, long-term burden on healthcare budgets around the world, and we urgently need to find lasting, cost-effective solutions to the epidemic.

To learn more, go to [www.amfar.org](http://www.amfar.org) and [www.curecountdown.org](http://www.curecountdown.org)

# LET'S GIVE THE EPIDEMIC AN EPIC ENDING

## How you can help

If you'd like to help, the single most effective action you can take is to make a donation to amfAR. We'll put your gift to work right away! Further intensive research offers our only hope of ending the AIDS epidemic.

To make a secure online donation, go to [www.amfar.org/donate](http://www.amfar.org/donate)

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