

The FNIH: 15 Fun Facts

Did you know.....

- The [FNIH](#) serves as the only congressionally mandated entity to serve as the catalyst for public-private partnerships that supports the mission of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- The [FNIH](#) is ranked among the top 10 charities in medical research organizations and ranked among top 30 in health category organizations.
- In 2011, for the fifth consecutive year, [Charity Navigator](#) awarded the respected 4-star rating to the FNIH which recognizes the Foundation for exceeding industry standards and outperforming most charities in its cause.
- In 1997 the first major program - [Clinical Research Training Program \(CRTP\)](#) was launched with funding provided by Pfizer. To date, the program has enabled nearly 300 of the country's most promising medical and dental students to experience clinical research firsthand in an intensive, year-long, residential training program at the NIH.
- The FNIH has raised more than [\\$560 million](#) in support of more than 400 projects to date.
- In 2003 the FNIH received its first Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant for \$200 million for the Grand challenges in Global Health Initiative (GCGH). The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to endorse the Foundation's expertise, funding new [global health projects](#) including [HIT-TB](#)—an effort employing high-throughput screening to identify bacterial targets for developing new drugs to combat tuberculosis.
- The groundbreaking ceremony for Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge on the NIH campus was held in 2002 after receiving a \$3M donation from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation. Another \$1M donation resulted in the Claudio and Evelyn Cohen Garden dedication ceremony in 2005. And in 2010, the fifth anniversary of the [Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge](#) was celebrated.
- In 2003 the FNIH co-funded its first biomarkers project, the [Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative](#) (ADNI), which has become a paradigm for the

way complex research is conducted through public-private partnerships and has attracted more than \$22 million in new private funding for its second phase—[ADNI 2](#).

- In 2005 the [Biomarker Consortium](#) project initiated and then launched in 2007. This groundbreaking initiative expands the science of personalized medicine and creates the potential to individualize medical treatment by determining how a drug works in the body.
- Also in 2007, the FNIH launched the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP), pulling the expertise, funding, databases and technology of more than 100 collaborators to improve drug safety.
- The Board of Directors selected in July 2010, the new FNIH Executive Director and CEO, [Dr. Scott Campbell](#).
- In 2009 the FNIH launched the 2009 Inaugural [mHealth Summit](#) bringing together health, technology and policy communities to advance technological innovation in global healthcare. Since 2009, the FNIH mHealth Summit has become the largest event of its kind, bringing leaders together from all over the world.
- In 2010 the FNIH joined with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to help spread *The Heart Truth*® message through its support of the [Red Dress Collection](#) 2011 Fashion Show.
- This year, in 2011, the FNIH launched the first [U.S.–Russia Scientific Forum](#) planning meeting to advance research collaborations.
- In 2010 the FNIH Biomarkers Consortium launched the [I-SPY 2 breast cancer clinical trial](#). The I-SPY 2 trial employs a groundbreaking clinical trial model that targets breast cancer treatments to the biological profile of individual tumors, researchers hope to refine the clinical trial process and eliminate ineffective treatments.

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