



Message from Baldrige Foundation CEO Al Faber

When you or a loved one are ill, where do you turn? When you want the best possible education for your child but can't afford the excessive costs of private schools, what do you do? In today's changing world, the answers aren't as certain. All you can know is that you want the absolute best quality health care and education for you and your loved ones.

Thanks to our supporters, contributors and partners, the Baldrige Framework remains the leading tool that enables organizations of all varieties to unite in setting the nationwide standard of excellence. Let's take a look at the numbers:

The Baldrige impact in health care is reducing costs and improving patient outcomes:

- Advocate Good Samaritan hospital decreased its risk-adjusted mortality rate by 24% over five years—a rate better than the top-decile level in its six-county region
- Sutter Davis Hospital performs in the top 10 percent nationally for post-operative orthopedic surgical infection rates, with no infections for five years

The Baldrige impact in K-12 schools and colleges is increasing student performance:

- Pewaukee schools, a K-12 school district, increased the percentage of students attending a two- or four-year college from 78.8% to 91.9% over five years
- Richland College, a two-year community college, more than tripled the number of students who completed the core curriculum in preparation for transfer to a four-year institution
- Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business improved student academic performance to rank in the top 10% nationally over five years, while reducing tuition and fees by 39%

Here at the Baldrige Foundation, we exist to serve you – to provide hope and healing through access to top-notch health care, and to improve the quality of education available to you and your loved ones. Sadly, there remain too many underserved communities and citizens who lack access to the quality healthcare and education we all seek.

In 2017, we aim to expand our reach and increase our impact. Your financial contribution can help make it happen! Here are some ways you can help us reach our goal:

- \$100 for educational and informational material
- \$500 for the development of strategic partnerships across all sectors
- \$1,000 for advocacy efforts

This holiday season, we invite you to join our cause by including the Baldrige Foundation in your charitable giving. Your gift will increase access to quality health care and education for thousands of Americans.

By increasing access to quality healthcare and education for millions of individuals, we empower them. It is this very principle that leads America to be strong, healthy, and vibrant. What could be more rewarding?

All the best to you and your families this holiday season!