

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter highlighting some of the many ways Abbott is improving lives around the globe.

In this issue, we're celebrating a special holiday movie premiere, and the life-saving results of our "We Give Blood" drive with the Big Ten. We're also sharing updates on our work to advance cancer diagnostics and care, how our employees are supporting the environment, new efforts to address hunger in communities, and more.

Your [feedback](#) matters, so please let us know what you think. And please feel free to share this newsletter with others; they can easily sign up to receive it directly [here](#).



Top Story: 'The More the Merrier' with HeartMates & Hallmark

This holiday season, Abbott teamed up with Hallmark Channel for "The More the Merrier," a new original movie inspired by and featuring members of the Abbott HeartMates community – including pro football player Damar Hamlin and other real-life heart-health heroes.

We created Abbott HeartMates in 2023 to provide a community where people affected by heart conditions can support each other, including patients, families, friends, caregivers and medical support teams.

HeartMates was inspired by Hamlin's remarkable comeback from sudden cardiac arrest during a game. And now, his story – and the stories of five incredible HeartMates community members – are helping make "The More the Merrier" an inspiring part of the holidays this year.

You can preview the film [here](#) – and learn more about Abbott HeartMates and join our team [here](#).

In case you missed it

Expanding access to health tech



Abbott to acquire Exact Sciences, a leader in cancer diagnostics

Together, Abbott and Exact Sciences will accelerate innovation, expand access to life-changing diagnostics, and help more people detect and manage cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages. [More](#)



Bringing advanced cancer care to more people

Biologics have revolutionized the treatment of cancer, but they've been largely unavailable in many countries. Now, we're bringing "biosimilar" advanced therapies to more people – like Pablo Trochez of Colombia. [More](#)

Concussion evaluation test named a 'Best Invention of 2025'

Our i-STAT test for traumatic brain injury (TBI) assessment was named one of TIME's Best Inventions of 2025 – providing rapid results so clinicians can evaluate the need for a CT scan. [More](#)

Transforming wellness, prevention and care



Top 3 things to know about diabetes stigma

Our initiative, "[Above the Bias](#)," brings awareness to diabetes stigma and helps to minimize its impact so people living with diabetes can feel empowered to access the care they need. [More](#)



Sustainable responses to malnutrition

Watch our World Health Summit discussion where we explored evidence-based strategies to integrate nutrition into primary care, including innovative tools to track malnutrition and the role of real-world data. [More](#)

Partnerships for health



The 'We Give Blood' drive helps save nearly 250,000 lives

The University of Wisconsin won the 2025 Abbott and Big Ten "We Give Blood" competition, earning \$1 million to advance community and student health initiatives. In its second year, the nationwide blood drive saw a 319% increase in participation, inspiring 83,000+ donations across Big Ten schools and saving nearly 250,000 lives. [More](#)



Abbott and Feeding America partner to help families in need

Community needs have never been greater. That's why Abbott donated \$1 million in nutrition products to Feeding America food banks to help families facing food insecurity across the U.S. [More](#)



Hurricane aid for Jamaica and broader Caribbean

To help families affected by Hurricane Melissa, Abbott and Abbott Fund provided nutrition products and cash grants, working together with our longstanding relief partner Direct Relief to provide on-the-ground assistance. [More](#)



From school to home: Backpack Program fills the gap

Many kids rely on school lunch programs. But what do they do over the weekend? Abbott is supporting the Backpack Program to help fill the gap in Illinois, providing families with weekend meals. [More](#)

Workforce of tomorrow



Phased retirement with Freedom to Work

Abbott's Freedom to Work allows employees to gradually explore retirement on their own terms by reducing their hours or responsibilities, while continuing to contribute to Abbott's mission. [More](#)

Healthy environment



Working together for the environment

Abbott employee volunteers are taking action to support the environment in communities where we live and work, from conserving water to protecting bee populations. [More](#)



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