CAF AMERICA RECOGNIZES INDUSTRY LEADERS WITH 2021 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - CAF America, America’s nonprofit leader in international grantmaking, today announced three industry leaders as 2021 recipients of the Excellence in International Philanthropy Award. Flexport.org, Gavi - the Vaccine Alliance, and the PepsiCo Foundation will each be recognized for their outstanding international philanthropic achievements.

“The effects of COVID-19 have dramatically heightened the importance of impact philanthropy through charitable giving,” said CAF America President and CEO Ted Hart. “Each of these award recipients has worked tirelessly to better the lives of others on a global scale, and it is CAF America’s privilege to help them achieve their charitable aspirations.”

The Flexport.org Fund empowers individual donors and organizations to have global impact by donating funds to support nonprofits with their ongoing work or crisis relief efforts. With the help of nearly 30,000 donors around the world, Flexport.org raised over $10.25 million for the Flexport.org Fund, supporting the delivery of supplies to frontline healthcare workers combating COVID-19.

Gavi - the Vaccine Alliance, helps vaccinate nearly 50 percent of the world’s children against deadly and debilitating infectious diseases. Over the past year, Gavi co-led COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX), a global initiative aimed at providing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, bringing together governments, global health organizations, manufacturers, scientists, the private sector, civil society, and philanthropy.
In 2020, PepsiCo and the PepsiCo Foundation invested more than $60 million in over 50 countries to support communities impacted by COVID-19. The Foundation's close collaboration with PepsiCo teams around the world ensured its philanthropy was not only far reaching, but also addressed the specific challenges of each local community in need.

This prestigious award honors industry leaders for their commitment to philanthropic excellence and industry-leading standards. Each award winner is chosen from a pool of America's foremost companies, private and community foundations, individual and family donors, and charity partners. The recipients will be honored at a virtual awards dinner hosted by CAF America on April 29th.

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A leader in international philanthropy, since 1992 CAF America (Charities Aid Foundation of America) has been assisting corporations, foundations, and individuals in making strategic, effective, and tax-advantaged gifts internationally and domestically. Whether supporting organizations worldwide, providing swift responses to major disasters, or helping build connections between global communities, CAF America turns donors' visions into impact. CAF America’s worldwide reach translates into more than $1 billion in donor funds and over 1.8 million eligible organizations in 110 countries.