



Foodborne Illness Fast Facts

- Foodborne illness, an infectious disease, is a serious national and global health issue.
- An estimated **1 in 6** Americans are sickened each year.
- Of these, **128,000** are hospitalized and **3,000** die.
- Each year, foodborne illness costs the U.S. **\$77.7 Billion** in lost productivity and medical expenses, BUT . . . these estimates do not include **secondary long-term health outcomes**, such as irritable bowel syndrome, reactive arthritis, kidney dysfunctions or neurological problems like paralysis, seizures, mental impairment.
- **Children <5 and seniors >65** are at highest risk for serious cases of foodborne disease.
- The World Health Organization and CDC recognize the rise of **antibiotic resistant bacteria** as a global health crisis - “The world is heading towards a post-antibiotic era in which common infections will once again kill.” - Dr. Chan, WHO Director-General, October 2015.

CFI works to change the game from farm to fork to physician!

Because of your gift, CFI can . . .

- Build new partnerships to bring the best science on food safety to policy makers, to industry, and to America’s families - like CFI’s participation as a founding partner in the United States’ **Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance**. (www.sfar.org)
- Travel to Washington D.C. to advance food safety policies that protect public health - like CFI’s successful campaign to **label USDA mechanically tenderized beef steaks and roasts**.
- Interact with experts about important food safety topics - like Barbara Kowalczyk, PhD Epidemiology, and Tanya Roberts, PhD Economics, speaking at global and national conferences. (**Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group Conference**, Amsterdam, Netherlands and **International Association of Food Protection Conference**, Portland, OR)
- Continue to have a significant impact on food safety by improving food safety education for consumers - like CFI’s service on **Partnership for Food Safety Education’s Board of Directors**.

Thank You for Helping Us to Make Our Food Safer!