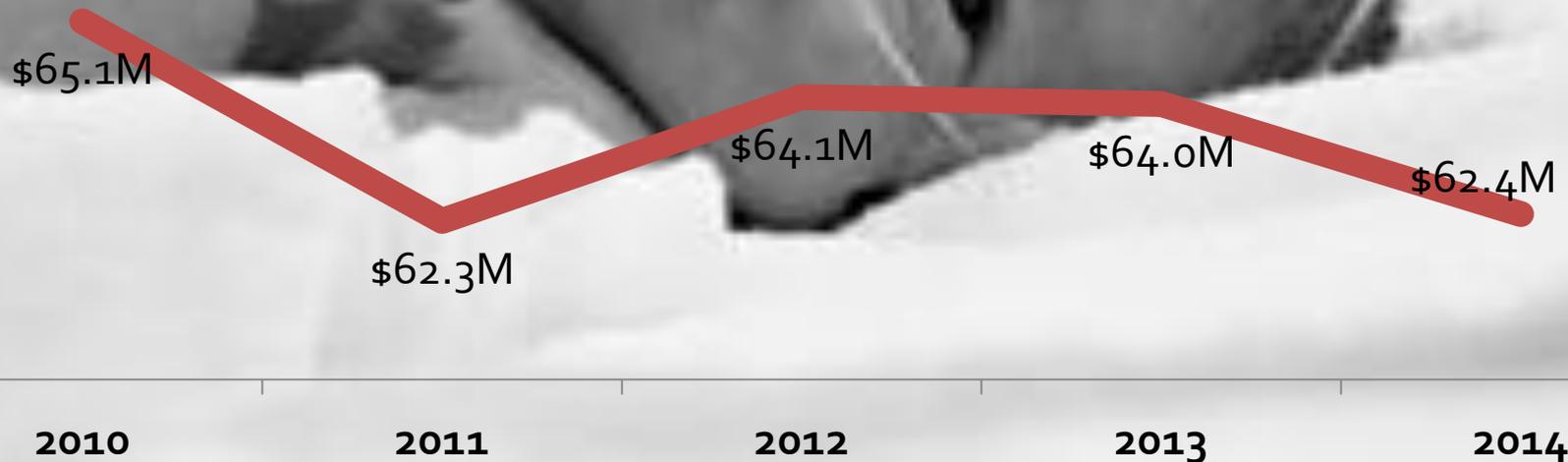


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*We can't move ahead if we leave 9 million babies behind*

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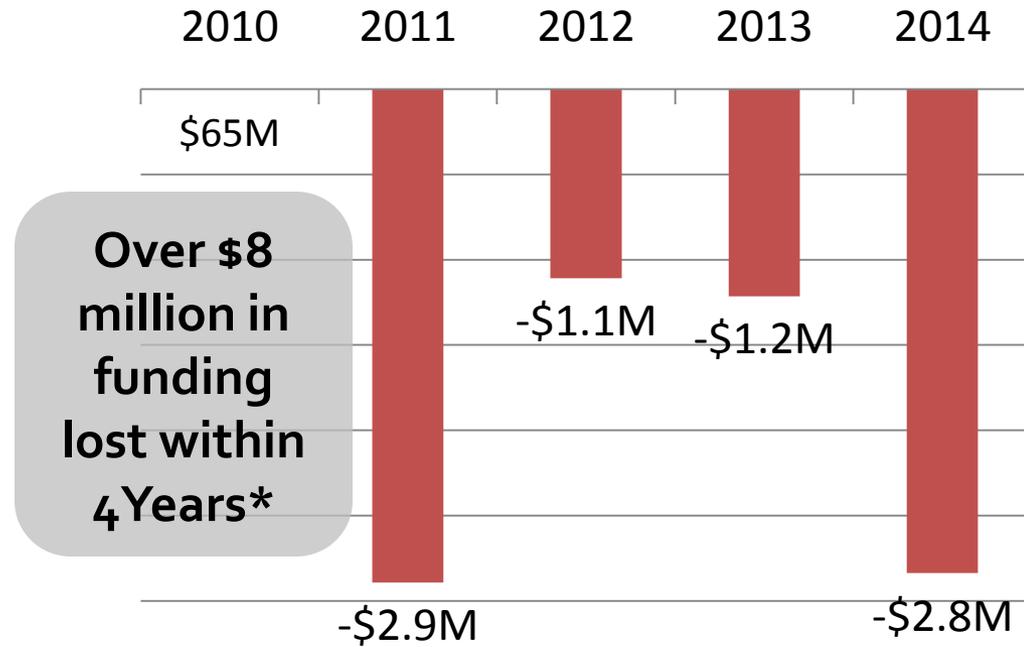
Tailor these examples for your organization

- 10,000 children born yearly with craniofacial malformations not connected with health programs that work
- 7,200 babies with critical congenital heart defects, not screened and connected with life-saving services
- Causes of many birth defects remain unknown, with 25% fewer families participating in CDC birth defects research

**REAL:** Birth defects cost more than \$2.6 billion in healthcare each year

**RIGHT NOW:** Every 4.5 minutes a baby is born with a birth defect in the US

**RISKY:** Birth defects are the leading cause of infant mortality in the US



**We only spend \$.20 per American on these conditions.**

**RESTORE FUNDING TO CDC--the *only* public health agency protecting babies from birth defects.**

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