Asthma is a chronic disease that affects your LUNGS. Asthma causes frequent periods of wheezing (a whistling sound when you breathe), chest tightness, shortness of breath, and coughing.

Locally, 1 in 5 kids has asthma.

St. Louis childhood asthma rates are more than 2x the national average.

St. Louis Chapter (AAFA-STL) serves those affected by asthma and allergies of all types through education, support and resources.

Effective asthma care is expensive:
- 2 in 5 uninsured people with asthma can not afford their prescription medicines
- average monthly cost for preventative asthma medication- without insurance: $400

In St. Louis, asthma is the #1 reason:
- children visit the ER
- kids miss school
- kids are hospitalized

AAFA-STL's comprehensive asthma and allergy management program provides prescription assistance, asthma equipment, education, and support to eligible children.

AAFA-STL’s school nurse asthma equipment program that provides school nurses the vital tools necessary during asthma emergencies.

2,243 Asthma and Allergy Prescriptions Filled
597 Allergic Durables & Encasings provided
461 Children Served
$590 Average Cost per Child in the BREATH Program
$95,100 Amount Spent on Children’s Prescriptions

284 Schools Served
21,268 Asthma Diagnoses in RESCUE Schools
87% of kids were Able to Return to the Classroom after using a piece of AAFA-STL equipment during an emergency
$333 Average Cost per RESCUE School

2,902 People reached through AAFA-STL’s community outreach efforts

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24 Community Outreach & Education Events

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