Dear Friends,

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation, St. Louis Chapter (AAFA-STL) has provided 33 years of service to the St. Louis community and beyond and had another hallmark year in 2013. AAFA-STL continued to deepen our touch point to clients and the community with each of our major projects, including the number of prescriptions and durable goods provided for children enrolled in our flagship program, Project Concern, those served through the school nurse R.E.S.C.U.E. program, or individuals reached through our community outreach efforts. Through Project Concern, over 500 children in our service area received prescription medication assistance, durable medical equipment, education and support. An additional 4,000 people received education, training or some other form of outreach.

The R.E.S.C.U.E. (Resources for Every School Confronting Unexpected Emergencies) program had substantial reach in 2013, with 155 area schools receiving asthma equipment from AAFA-STL. Most importantly, 85% of kids who were treated for asthma emergencies in the school setting using equipment supplied by AAFA-STL were able to return to the classroom. That means these children were able to stay in school and avoid the emergency room or an unscheduled physician visit. This allowed the children to continue to learn while saving the health care system significant dollars.

Additionally, AAFA-STL’s public policy and advocacy efforts continued to grow and evolve to reflect changes in the healthcare landscape and asthma care and management, and 2013 was an active year for AAFA-STL at the Missouri State Capitol as well as locally in St. Louis. It was the passage of HB 1188 a few years prior (proposed and forcefully pushed to passage by AAFA-STL) that has allowed the schools to stock and give asthma rescue medication. Our Public Policy Committee continues to strategically hone in on legislative issues that affect those we serve and those with asthma and/or allergies throughout our state.

None of this would be possible without the support and generosity from the community—including the United Way, foundations, corporations, individuals and events. As AAFA-STL was founded as a community-based nonprofit organization, we continue to serve those in our community and maintain valuable partnerships which enable us to expand our services and reach. We thank YOU for your support and interest in AAFA-STL’s programs and services to the community.

Sincerely,

H. James Wedner, M.D., FACP
President

President’s Message

Eron’s Story

Erika Johnson and her son Eron Harris were introduced to AAFA-STL about three years ago. Eron had been sent to the ER at Christian Hospital due to an asthma attack, and at that time, AAFA-STL Board Member Alishia LaPorte introduced Erika and Eron to the agency and Project Concern. Erika works and has insurance, but needed help in order to afford all of Eron’s medicine. Since entering the program, Eron is able to get all of the medications he needs to control his asthma. Erika’s only lament? “I wish I knew about the program earlier!”

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

Nationally, 1 in 15 kids has asthma

14 million missed school days

Effective asthma care is expensive
2 in 5 uninsured people with asthma can not afford their prescription medicines
$154 average monthly cost for preventative asthma medication - without insurance

AAFA-STL’s Programs: 2013

PROJECT CONCERN
AAFA-STL’s comprehensive asthma and allergy management program that provides prescription assistance, asthma equipment, education, and support to eligible children that are uninsured or underinsured.

1850 Asthma and Allergy Prescriptions Filled
791 Allergic Bed Encasings Provided
284 Pieces of Asthma Equipment Provided
44 Referrals to Other Social Service Agencies in St. Louis
62 Percent of Clients Who Had Prescription Coverage Upon Exit

508 Kids Served!

2012 - HB1188 Passes in Missouri!

School nurses can stock an asthma rescue medication. The medicine can be used on any child experiencing an asthma attack.

AAFA-STL’s R.E.S.C.U.E. Program Grows in 2013!

155 Schools Received Equipment
559 Nebulizer Attachments
70 Nebulizer Machines
302 Spacers
85 Percent of Kids Who Were Able to Return to the Classroom After Using a Piece of AAFA-STL Equipment

123 Active Volunteers
3795 People reached through our community outreach efforts
844 Volunteer Hours
26 Education Classes Taught to School Nurses & Daycare Providers

R.E.S.C.U.E.
Resources For Every School Confronting Unexpected Emergencies
AAFA-STL’s school nurse asthma equipment program that provides school nurses the vital tools necessary during asthma emergencies.
AAFA-STL’s Valued Community Partnerships

American Lung Association
Asthma Ready Communities
Advocates for Family Health
Cardinal Glennon Health Care Center
Cardinals Care Redbird Rookies Program
Christian Hospital Asthma Center
City of St. Louis Department of Health,
Children’s Environmental Health,
Asthma Friendly St. Louis
Gateway FEAST
Get It Done, Inc.
Mercy Medical Center
Missouri Asthma Coalition
Missouri Asthma Prevention and Control Program
Missouri Foundation for Health
Missouri Primary Care Association
Naturally Fit Fitness Studio
Rabbit Air
Schnucks eScrip program
Smoke Free St. Louis City

Southeast Missouri State University’s Center for Environmental Analysis
Southwest Illinois Asthma Coalition
St. Louis Children’s Hospital (SLCH),
Healthy Kids Express Asthma Program, Food Allergy Management and Education Program (FAME)
Saint Louis County Department of Health
St. Louis Integrated Health Network
St. Louis Regional Asthma Consortium
St. Louis Regional Clean Air Coalition
St. Louis Regional Health Commission
St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition
St. Stephen ECD & Preschool
Tobacco Free Missouri
Walter Knoll Florist

2013 Financials

Total Revenue: $518,873
Total Expenses: $586,466

"The staff at AAFA-STL have been a tremendous help to the nurses and students in the Wentzville School District. They provided training to all of our nurses and ensured the clinics had the equipment necessary to treat our children's asthma needs. They truly are here for their school nurses!"

Barbara Brommelhorst MSN, BSN, RN
State Epinephrine Resource Nurse
Lead Nurse, Wentzville School District

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