Dear AAFA-STL Supporter:

2014 was a year of incredible growth, new opportunities and great successes for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St. Louis Chapter (AAFA-STL). Through our comprehensive asthma and allergy management program, Project Concern (now called Bridging Resources to Encourage Asthma Treatment and Health, or BREATH), 693 clients were served, a whopping 36% increase from 2013. A critical reason for this surge was due to an outbreak of the enterovirus D-68 in the fall, which hit many metro areas hard and proved a challenging illness for children with asthma. In order to respond to the substantial increase in client applications, AAFA-STL was the beneficiary of emergency funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health, which provided a $20,000 grant to support our Rx assistance program.

AAFA-STL’s school nurse asthma equipment program, Resources for Every School Confronting Unexpected Emergencies (RESCUE), continued to see positive growth, with 176 area schools served (up from 155 schools in 2013) and nearly 3,000 pieces of durable medical equipment provided! Our reporting concluded that when a student used a piece of asthma equipment supplied by AAFA-STL in the school setting, they were able to return to the classroom over 82% of the time.

Additionally, AAFA-STL’s policy and advocacy efforts continued to gain momentum at the Missouri State Capitol, and for the second time in four years, the organization was successful in passing a bill related to asthma care. The budget bill, HB 2011.528, allows for Medicaid reimbursement to specialists who perform home assessments and also for asthma education to low-income patients with severe asthma. Although not fully implemented and funded until 2015, this was a huge victory for our policy committee and for asthma advocates across the state!

Please take a moment to find additional information on our program outcomes, outreach numbers, financials and valued partnerships throughout this report. Simply put, AAFA-STL’s life-saving programs and services exist and continue to grow due to the incredible support we receive from the community--from one-time donors to corporate sponsors to community foundations. For this, we are thankful.

Sincerely,

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

Words from a Client Family

“My son Kyle suffers from a variety of allergies (seasonal, environmental and worst of all, food allergies). With the diagnosis came the hefty co-pays of $800 for all 10 of the daily maintenance medications he was to take twice a day. There were many times when I was forced to “stretch” his meds and go without my MS medications just so we could eat and have heat during the winter months. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation, St. Louis Chapter exists so I do not have to make those life-altering decisions any more. In helping Kyle continue to receive his medicine, they have also helped me to manage my MS. I no longer have to decide between his medicine or mine.”  Mylesa, Client Mother
Thank you to the following donors, who gave at the $100 level (or greater) in 2014:

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Cardinals Care Redbird Rookies Program
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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.

Nationally, 1 in 15 kids has asthma

14 million school days missed

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: 2014 Results**

**B.R.E.A.T.H.**

*Bringing Resources to Encourage Asthma Treatment and Health*

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.

2060
Asthma and Allergy Prescriptions Filled

1032
Allergic Bed Encasings Provided

230
Pieces of Asthma Equipment Provided

61
Referrals to Other Social Service Agencies in St. Louis

75
Percent of Clients Who Had Prescription Coverage Upon Exit

**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 generally necessary during asthma emergencies.

176
Schools Received Equipment

1539
Nebulizer Attachments

82
Nebulizer Machines

757
Spacers

83
Percent of Kids Who Were Able to Return to the Classroom After Using a Piece of AAFA-STL Equipment

**FINANCIALS**

Total Revenue: $634,640
Total Expenses: $608,588

United Way $107,921 (17%)
Grants $196,329 (31%)
Contributions $34,257 (5%)
Special Events $296,049 (47%)

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