**Dear AAFA-STL Supporter:**

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St. Louis Chapter (AAFA-STL) continued on an upward trajectory in 2016, reaching more individuals and schools in the community, and growing our programs and services geographically. With the guidance and leadership of a strong, diverse Board of Directors, a savvy and resourceful staff, a legion of community partners, and sustained corporate and individual supporters, AAFA-STL truly had a remarkable year.

Nationally, 1 in 10 kids has asthma, which translates to a staggering 14 million missed school days. Our RESCUE program (Resources for Every School Confronting Unexpected Emergencies) exists to ensure that kids with asthma are able to be treated in the school setting, resulting in fewer missed school days, ER visits, and hospital stays. In 2016, through this program, 229 area schools receiving asthma equipment. 85% of the kids who used this equipment (and asthma rescue medicine supplied by Beverly Hills Pharmacy), were able to return to the classroom after being treated by a school nurse or other trained professional at the school.

Through BREATH (Bridging Resources to Encourage Asthma Treatment and Health), AAFA-STL’s flagship program, 1,813 asthma and allergy prescriptions were filled, 154 pieces of asthma equipment were provided, and 738 allergic bed encasings were supplied to client families last year – yet another incredible feat for the agency. The healthy homes and asthma education component of BREATH gives AAFA-STL’s clients more support and a holistic approach to managing their asthma and allergies inside the home. In all, 517 children were served by BREATH.

Finally, AAFA-STL staff and committees continued to stay honed in on policy and advocacy issues affecting those we serve and the community at large, at the local, state, and national levels. In addition to this important work, the agency was able to reach nearly 3,955 people in the community through our outreach efforts, including health fairs, educational classes, and large community seminars.

This Annual Report will outline additional program outcomes, financial information, and valuable community partnerships. Thank you for taking a moment to review this information, and thank you for helping a child breathe easier!

Sincerely,

Sue Berdy, M.D.
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2016 Financials

United Way
$139,217 (21.7%)

Contributions
$27,612 (4.3%)

Special Events
$267,761 (41.7%)

Grants
$205,926 (32.1%)

Misc.
$853 (0.13%)

Total Revenue: $641,369

Your contribution makes a huge difference at my school. I am very thankful for the supplies to adequately take care of the kids at my school. I have treated over 22 students so far this year with the new nebulizer machine and supplies you have given me. I have given out over 20 spacers that have been donated in the past including those that you provided. You make a word of difference to the students at Froebel. A most genuine thank you to all of you. You are greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you again in the future.

-St. Louis School Nurse
AAFA-STL The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St. Louis Chapter (AAFA-STL) serves those affected by asthma and allergies through education, support and resources.

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 10 kids has asthma

In St. Louis, childhood asthma rates are 2x the national average

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

In St. Louis, asthma is the #1 reason:

- children visit the ER
- kids miss school
- kids are hospitalized

B.R.E.A.T.H.
Bridging Resources to Encourage Asthma Treatment and Health

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

2016 Program Results

- 517 Children Served
- 1,813 Asthma and Allergy Prescriptions Filled
- 738 Allergic Bed Encasings Provided
- 154 Pieces of Asthma Equipment Provided
- 68 Percent of Clients Who Had Prescription Coverage Upon Exit
- 229 Schools Received Equipment
- 70 Nebulizer Machines
- 1,035 Nebulizer Attachments
- 563 Spacers
- 85 Percent of Kids Who Were Able to Return to the Classroom After Using a Piece of AAFA-STL Equipment

RES.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.

AAFA-STL OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

- 174 Active Volunteers
- 1,139 Volunteer Hours
- 3,955 People reached through our community outreach efforts
- 44 Education Classes taught to School Nurses & Daycare Providers

2012 HB1188 Passes in Missouri!
School nurses can stock asthma rescue medication. The medicine can be used on any child experiencing an asthma attack.
Thank you to the following corporations, foundations & organizations for their support:

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County Credit Union
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Enjoy Life
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