



# 2013 Annual Report

## President's Message

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.

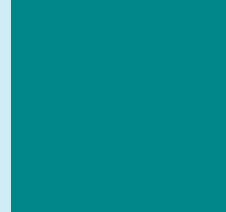
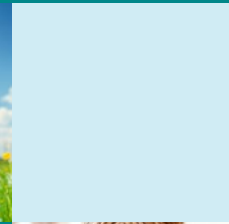
The R.E.S.C.U.E. (Resources for Every School Confronting Unexpected Emergencies) program had substantial reach in 2013, with 155 area schools receiving asthma equipment from AAFA-STL. Most importantly, 85% of kids who were treated for asthma emergencies in the school setting using equipment supplied 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.

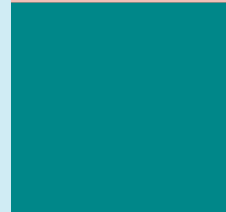
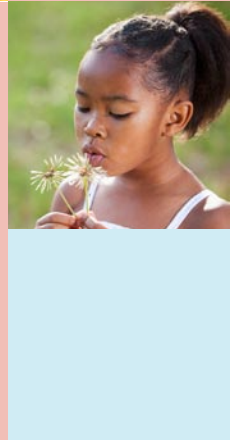
None of this would be possible without the support and generosity from the community--including the United Way, foundations, corporations, individuals and events. As AAFA-STL was founded as a community-based nonprofit organization, we continue to serve those in our community and maintain valuable partnerships 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,

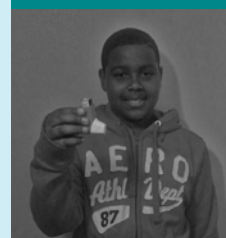
H. James Wedner, M.D., FACP  
President



**Our Mission:** The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St. Louis Chapter serves those affected by asthma and allergies of all types through education, support and medical resources.



## 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 has not had to return to the ER once. With the support from AAFA-STL, 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!"



## The Facts:

### 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

### Asthma in St. Louis



asthma rates are **3x** the national average

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

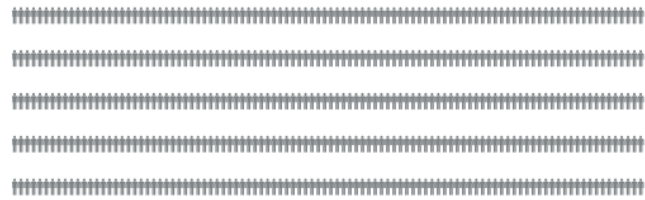


children visit the ER  
kids miss school  
kids are hospitalized

## 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.



508 Kids Served!

**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

### 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.

### 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 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

People reached through our community outreach efforts

**3795**

**844**

Volunteer Hours

Education Classes Taught to School Nurses & Daycare Providers

**26**



# 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  
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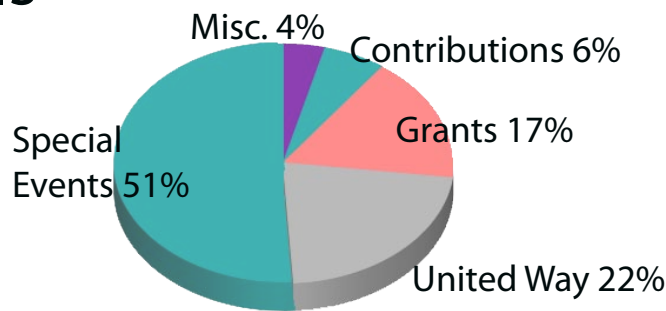
## 2013 Financials

### 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 childrens' asthma needs. They truly are here for their school nurses! ”

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

# 2013 Funding Sources

We'd like to acknowledge the following businesses, foundations and organizations for their support of our mission and programs!

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