

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

# The Facts:

### 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





**Effective asthma care is expensive** 

1 in 5 uninsured people with asthma can not afford their prescription medicines



average monthly cost for preventative asthma medication - without insurance

#### **Asthma in St. Louis**



childhood asthma rates are the national average

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



children visit the ER kids miss school kids are hospitalized

## **2015 Program Results**

## B.R.E.A.T.H

Bridging Rescources 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.

1881

**Asthma and Allergy Prescriptions Filled** 

**Allergic Bed Encasings Provided** 

**Pieces of Asthma Equipment Provided** 

Referrals to Other **Social Service Agencies in St. Louis** 

**Percent of Clients Who Had Prescription Coverage Upon Exit** 

#### 2012 - HB1188 Passes in Missouri!



School nurses can stock 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 generally necessary during asthma emergencies.

AAFA-STL's R.E.S.C.U.E. Program Grows in 2015!

**Schools Received Equipment** 

**Nebulizer Attachments** 

**Nebulizer Machines** 

**Spacers** 

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

Active **Volunteers** 



# **AAFA-STL** Out in the Community

St. Louis Children's Hospital - Cardinal Glennon Hospital - United Way of Greater St. Louis - Healthy Kids Express - Gateway FEAST - Asthma Coalition Members - Variety: A Children's Charity -

People reached through our community outreach efforts

**Education Classes Taught to School Nurses** & Daycare Providers



