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**SATURDAY, NOV. 11TH**

**7:00PM - 10:00PM**

Join AAFA-STL for an evening of TV  
Sitcom-based trivia, complimentary  
beverages, fabulous silent auction,  
raffles, games and MORE!

## Enter the High Rollers Raffle

**PRIZE- \$10,000!**

Need NOT be present to win.  
ONLY 300 tickets will be sold.

Sponsorships, tables and raffle tickets  
can be purchased via the following:

online: [aafastl.org/trivianight](http://aafastl.org/trivianight)  
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Call 314.645.2422 for more info on any  
event, and check out our social  
media sites for tons of resources,  
educational info & more this season!

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## A Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Strengthening our community is our theme for 2017! While we continue to expand our school nurse program, RESCUE, beyond our service area in St. Louis, we are also deepening our touchpoint with our BREATH clients, and building a stronger network on the East side of the Mississippi River to help those children in Illinois who suffer from asthma and allergies.

Our grant support allows us to expand RESCUE in other counties in Missouri. We are even receiving equipment requests from as far away as New York and Texas! Go RESCUE!

The Department of Social Services in Missouri is implementing our latest legislation, providing healthy home assessments and asthma education to high risk children who suffer from asthma and allergies who are identified through the Missouri Medicaid data. Our involvement will be in providing asthma coaching to these families across the state of Missouri. In addition, our contract with Missouri Care, a managed care company who is a Medicaid provider in Missouri, begins in May and we are so excited to work with their client families to provide the same services.

All being said, we are not finished yet! We are actively supporting HB 761 which would allow public venues to stock the epinephrine auto injector for anyone who might suffer an anaphylactic reaction to food or insects while visiting a sporting arena, museum, or restaurant in Missouri.

Your AAFA staff works diligently and passionately as many of you do with us. We thank you and we are grateful to have your confidence and partnership. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Hello Spring!  
Joy B. Krieger, MA, RN  
Executive Director

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# Mission Moment

“I was diagnosed with severe asthma while I was still a baby and a plethora of allergies a little later, so I have lived with this all my life. I’ve been told that I’m one of the worst cases my doctors have seen and that I’ll probably never be able to be without my medicine.

I take 5 medicines a day just to breathe with peace of mind. I believe that’s a hefty burden for anyone to carry, let alone a young child & his single mother. That doesn’t mean we weren’t without help though.

We received generous help from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation who helped us shoulder the load. I am so glad that people like you and people at AAFA could extend their generosity to me because I know what it’s like to be without medicine. It’s really disturbing when you can’t sleep because you aren’t getting enough air.”

**-Reggie Ewing,  
AAFA-STL client**

(Top, Reggie giving speech at our 2017 Orchid AAFAir; Right, Symone Moore, Reggie Ewing, Angel Farewell)



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# Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday, November 11 - 13th Annual Trivia Night  
@ JCC Marilyn Fox Building (6pm - 10:30pm)  
\*Volunteers needed!

Ongoing administrative/office tasks are also available.

Please contact Brittany Van Almsick for more info:  
bvanalmsick@aafastl.org or 314.645.2422 x7.

## Advocacy Watch

Last month, our Executive Director, Joy Krieger, and board member, Former State Representative, Sue Allen, went to Jefferson City for the capitol's Advocacy Day. They met with legislators to advocate for HB761, which enables epinephrine use in public venues. After their visit, the bill was approved by the Rules Committee! Stay tuned for the next step on this bill's journey.



## AAFA-STL Services



Bridging Resources to  
Encourage Asthma Treatment  
and Health (BREATH) is a

comprehensive asthma and allergy management program that provides prescription assistance, durable medical equipment (spacers, nebulizers, etc.), education and support to eligible uninsured or underinsured children (under the age of 22) who have been diagnosed with asthma and/or allergies.



Resources for Every School  
Confronting Unexpected Emergencies  
(RESCUE) is a school nurse asthma

equipment program that provides school nurses with durable medical equipment to be used during asthma emergencies in the school setting.

For more information on these life-saving programs,  
visit [www.aafastl.org](http://www.aafastl.org) or call us at 314-645-2422.

## Rescue-A-Child

A special thanks to everyone who donated to  
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