

## How Your Dollars Are Spent

The Arthritis Foundation uses 82 percent of every dollar to directly support critical arthritis research, public health efforts and public policy initiatives to help people take greater control of arthritis and improve lives.

RESEARCH FOR BETTER TREATMENTS AND A CURE	PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE LIVES	PUBLIC POLICY EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT	SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
The single largest private non-profit funder of arthritis research in the world	Collaborated with the CDC and over 90 other organizations to develop the National Arthritis Action Plan (NAAP), a nationally coordinated public health plan to improve the lives of people with arthritis	Advocated for more than \$50 million in CDC arthritis program funding since 1999, which has funded more than 35 state arthritis programs, as well as an arthritis information line and Web site for consumers	Serves 46 million adults and 300,000 children with doctor-diagnosed arthritis, including 1.4 million adults and 6,400 children in Indiana affected by arthritis, the nation's number one cause of disability
Since 1948, invested more than \$350 million in research, supporting 2,200 scientists at 100 institutions	Increased the capacity to provide evidence-based programs for people with arthritis	Played a key role in advocacy for \$400 million in arthritis research at the National Institutes of Health	Offers more than 100 community-based self-help programs, land and water exercise programs and tai-chi classes to help people with arthritis take better control of their disease
Peer reviewed research is leading to breakthrough discoveries, such as a vaccine for rheumatoid arthritis	Partnered with the CDC to develop Healthy People 2010, a document used by federal and state health agencies, as well as many non-governmental organizations, to set their health care agendas and to allocate funds	Secured a juvenile arthritis provision in the Children's Health Act of 2000 that authorized a study of the number of pediatric rheumatologists to treat kids	Locally, the Indiana Chapter sponsors two major fundraising events a year - the Arthritis Walk and the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis.
Commitment to research on aggressive treatments has yielded medications that decrease the impact of arthritis	Developed standardized national measures of quality for arthritis care	Secured a provision in the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 that provides limited coverage for self-injected biologic therapies to treat rheumatoid arthritis	Sent nearly a dozen volunteers to Capitol Hill for the Arthritis Foundation's annual Advocacy Summit
Support of innovative, cutting-edge clinical research is providing keys to prevention and control	In partnership with the National Committee for Quality Assurance, developed Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures for arthritis care that will be in effect in 2006	Introduced the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act, the first significant piece of arthritis legislation considered since 1975	Provides consumers with vital resources to cope with arthritis, including, <i>Arthritis Today</i> magazine, books, brochures, videos, Web site and a referral line.

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases