

Making an Impact in 2022

Conquering arthritis isn't solely about curing a disease. It's also about planning, researching, and developing new resources and customized programming so people living with arthritis can live their best life until there's a cure. In 2022, we achieved many milestones for the arthritis community:

Community Engagement

- **65** Jingle Bell Runs
- **62** Walks
- **39** Marquee events
- **22** additional special events and fundraising events
- **First full year to have in-person events** since 2020!

Patient Education and Support

- **15,400 virtual event** touchpoints (Patient education webinars & Youtube viewers)
- **23 new episodes of our Live Yes! With Arthritis Podcasts** generated nearly **46,000 “listens”** or downloads.
- Previous years' episodes generated an additional **19,000 downloaded** podcasts
- **Over 129k Youtube views** with nearly 4.3k hours watched
- Nearly **14 million Arthritis Foundation website pageviews**

Advocacy Milestones

- We achieved success on our top Congressional priority this year, **capping out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D**, which was enacted as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- **The Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP) was funded at \$5 million** for the first time since its authorization in 2010.
- We achieved the **highest number of co-sponsors and organization endorsements on the Safe Step Act** to-date, getting us closer to passage of this step therapy reform legislation.
- **We held an Arthritis Health Care Forum** on Dec 6th, bringing together panels to talk through a range of topics from biosimilars to health care accessibility, DEI, alternative therapies, and more!
- We have led the way on **preparing patients for the introduction of 9+ biosimilars for Humira in 2023**, consolidating our resources on a new landing page: arthritis.org/treatments/about-biosimilars.

Powerful Connections

- **77 Live Yes! Connect Groups** in 25 states held 301 events with 2,146 registrants to provide mutual support and education
- **1,544 people joined Connect Groups** and posted 1,352 messages in the Live Yes! Online Community
- **12 new national (virtual) Connect Groups launched:** African-Americans, Hispanics, LGBTQIA+, Military and Veterans, Newly Diagnosed, Osteoarthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Family Planning and Parenting, Parents of Children with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, Parents of Elementary School Students with JA, Parents of High School Students with JA, Parents of Middle School Students with JA, and Young Adults

Science Milestones

- **We provided four fellowships to rheumatologists in 2022**, and expanded our robust fellowships program to fund 22 institutions since 2018
- **We held our first DEI summit** in October 2022. This two-day summit brought together thought leaders and practitioners in clinical rheumatology with expertise in medical education, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and curriculum development, as well as medical students, fellows, community clinicians, and patients with arthritis to have an active discussion regarding how we can encourage outreach and retention of underrepresented minority individuals in rheumatology training programs.
- **We funded \$11 million in arthritis research** in 2022 by over 75 scientists nationwide, further elevating investment in research of more than \$500M since the Arthritis Foundation began in 1948
- **We've invested almost \$17M** since 2020 for OA Research

Volunteer Support

- Empowered 3,530 leadership volunteers to support the fight against arthritis with customized plans for their local communities.

“JA camp helped my child see that she is not alone. She was so happy to connect with kids just like her. To connect with kids who felt the same aches and pains that she feels. She couldn't believe their stories and situations were just like hers. It helped her know she's not alone in the struggles she goes through on a daily basis. And it was incredibly fun...the highlight of her summer.”

-JA Parent and Camper Caregiver

Juvenile Arthritis

- **1,134 kids and 293 families** participated in JA Camps, Conferences, and JA Days
- **1,022 Power Packs** provided to children and teens with JA
- Our 2022 JA Camp was a great success with:
 - **11 in-person camps**
 - **1 virtual camp**
 - **534 campers**
 - **244 volunteers**
- **We awarded \$100,000 in college scholarships** to 20 young adults with JA (\$5,000 apiece).
- Number of JA families served at the JA conference **grew by 15%** over 2021
- Number of **JA camps grew by 57%** over 2021

