

How does my donation help?

With the generous support of people like you, the American Lung Association® in South Carolina saves lives by fighting for healthy lungs and healthy air. Today, our fight is more important than ever.

Eighty-one cents of every dollar raised by our organization goes directly to education, research and advocacy. Here are some of the ways your donations help us *Fight for Air*.

FIGHTING FOR HEALTHY LUNGS

From our origin as America's oldest voluntary health organization founded to combat tuberculosis, the American Lung Association® has played a critical role in developing and funding increasingly effective weapons to prevent, detect and treat lung disease. Lung disease is the number-three killer in the United States, responsible for one in six deaths.

Our educational materials and Better Breathers Clubs give patients the tools to take control of their lung disease and to better handle the tasks of daily life.

We assist children and adults alike in learning more about managing their asthma through our Open Airways for Schools and Asthma 101 programs.

Every year, we help countless Americans understand the importance of a flu vaccination, with programs like our Faces of Influenza campaign. And we make it easy to find where to get a flu vaccination, with our free, online Flu Clinic Locator.

We send children with asthma to camp to enjoy a traditional summer camp experience under the watchful eye of medical professionals.

Our Freedom From Smoking® programs are the gold standard for those who want to quit smoking. And we lead a variety of programs to help children decide never to start this deadly addiction.

Our Lung HelpLine connects thousands of callers directly to a registered nurse or respiratory therapist who will discuss a diagnosis, explain a procedure or offer assistance with understanding medications.

FIGHTING FOR HEALTHY AIR

The American Lung Association® fights relentlessly for healthy air. We were among the first to tackle the dangers of secondhand smoke and make the connection between air pollution and lung disease.

Our annual State of the Air report is a national benchmark for air quality that spurs communities across the country to take action against pollution.

We work for the cleanup of dirty diesel trucks, buses, heavy equipment locomotives and marine vessels.

We push for the adoption of comprehensive laws prohibiting smoking in workplaces, restaurants and bars.

Our proud history includes the passage of the Clean Air Act and the banning of smoking on airplanes.

FIGHTING FOR CURES

The American Lung Association in South Carolina is funding research that continues to unlock the secrets of lung disease from asthma to COPD to lung cancer. Research provides the hope that we will win our fight for air and find cures for all people suffering from lung disease.

In the 1960's, an American Lung Association® research team discovered surfactant, a substance that plays a critical role in keeping the air sacs of newborn infants open. This research breakthrough has saved a countless number of preemies lives, and helped all newborns breathe easier.

Our Asthma Clinical Research Centers Network is the nation's largest not-for-profit network of clinical research centers dedicated to asthma treatment research.

The American Lung Association® sponsored an important research study which found that the inactivated influenza vaccine was safe to administer to adults and children with asthma, potentially saving thousands of lives each year.

Our research team at the Mayo Clinic Florida recently identified a gene responsible for lung cancer development in mice.

We create Epidemiology and Statistics Program Trend Reports that are rich with data regarding lung disease prevalence, incidence, hospitalization and mortality, cigarette smoking, and other issues related to lung health.

FIGHTING FOR A WORLD FREE OF LUNG DISEASE

Our dream of a world free of lung disease will never be a reality unless change happens on national, state and local levels. We work hard on lung health public policy initiatives, from pollution to tobacco control.

Our legislative victories include leading the way for passage of the bill which gave the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authority over the marketing, sale and manufacturing of tobacco products.

We consistently push the EPA to set air pollution standards that protect our health and reduce pollution from power plants and factories.

We release the State of Tobacco Control report annually, providing an authoritative scorecard on the ongoing fight against tobacco.

Our local Lung Associations are working in your community and region to fight for healthy lungs and healthy air right where you live.

FIGHTING FOR YOU

Thank you for supporting the American Lung Association®. You are a champion in the fight for healthy lungs and healthy air, and you help save lives today and keep America healthy tomorrow.