

Empowering practicing allergists. Removing barriers to care.



The increasing burden of allergic diseases continues to be an important public health concern, exacerbated in communities facing health care disparities.

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Allergies are the 6th leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S.

More than

#### 50 MILLION

Americans suffer from allergies each year.



Strengthening access to care by allergy and immunology specialists is vital for the future health and well-being of our communities.

**Today more than ever,** practicing allergists play a critical role in ensuring the health and well-being of their communities. They recognize the immediate needs, particularly in underserved patient populations, but may not have the necessary funding to investigate means to enhance access to care.



25 millionAmericans,including5 millionchildren sufferfrom asthma.

**Asthma** is more than

**2**X

as common among **Black children** as among white children.

Without an allergist, patients experience more...



**Emergency care visits** 



Hospitalizations and longer lengths of stays



Lost work days



Lost school days



Lower satisfaction and decreased productivity

WE NEED TO EMPOWER ALLERGISTS AT ALL LEVELS TO TACKLE THE ISSUES THEY ENCOUNTER DAY IN AND DAY OUT IN THEIR PRACTICE.

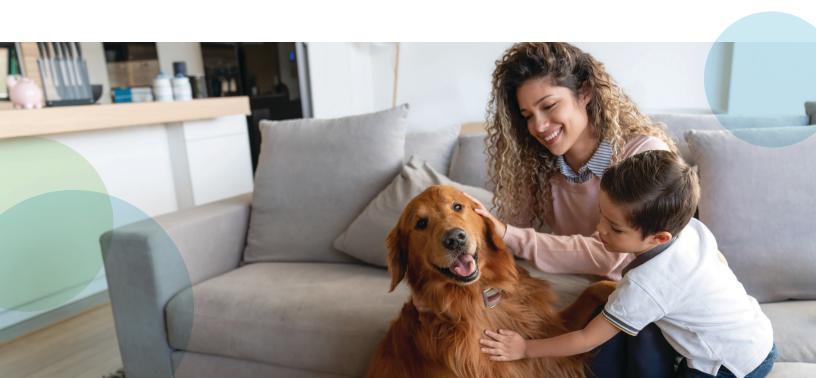
## The Allergists' Foundation Solution: The Community Grant Program

The Allergists' Foundation is supporting practicing allergists to improve patient care and strengthen their clinical practice at all stages of their careers.

Practical research to strengthen our patient access and outcomes needs only a small amount of seed funding to reap big rewards. Why? Because community-based allergists have firsthand insight into the challenges facing today's allergy patients in their communities. Research and clinical pilot projects funded by The Allergists' Foundation focus on immediate, real-world results.

We have awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants again this year to support innovative means for addressing challenges faced by community practicing allergists, including health disparities in underserved communities. These projects exemplify the creativity and resourcefulness of the College's membership and have the potential to make an important difference in our efforts to improve the care for allergy and asthma in every community."

—David Engler, MD, FACAAI, 2022 president of The Allergists' Foundation



The Allergists Foundation's Community Grant Program has one main objective:

To direct support to allergists for research projects that improve clinical practice with a focus on reducing health disparities.

We are funding **five innovative projects** led by the following College members in 2022:



Sara Anvari, MD, MSc, FACAAI

Improving Access to Allergy Specialty Care in Houston Through a Novel Penicillin Allergy Stewardship Program



Jessica Macdougall, MD, MS (Fellow-in-Training)

Food Allergy Transitions of Care for the Adolescent Population



Gerald Bell Lee, MD, FACAAI

A Quality Improvement Project to Reduce Food Allergy IgE Panel Utilization



Lulu Tsao, MD

Promoting Evidence-Based and Equitable Penicillin Allergy Evaluation Among Pregnant Patients



Kelsey Kaman, MD

Learning Educators' Anaphylaxis Response Needs: Optimizing the Safety of Children in Head Start

These awards are made possible through the generous donations from College members and support by GSK.

By focusing on clinical outcomes, each Community Grant Project has the potential to impact **tens of thousands of patient lives**, and from all walks of life.

Learn more about our Community Grant Program by visiting college.acaai.org/grants.



- Revitalized the foundation with a new name and mission.
- Designed the community grant program with oversight from the grants allocation committee.
- Awarded nearly \$200,000 community grants to address health disparities and barriers to care.
- Adopted policies and procedures for even greater transparency and accountability.

# WE ARE NOT THE SAME FOUNDATION YOU'VE KNOWN FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.

The Allergists' Foundation aims to raise at least \$1 million in the next decade to award more grants and magnify our impact. Through this important initiative, we will enrich our specialty, address disparities and overcome barriers to care in the practice of allergy.

#### **PAY IT FORWARD**

As a leader in the field of practicing allergists, you have a unique opportunity to **directly impact the practice of allergy at the community level.** Your support can make all the difference towards the success of practicing allergists and providing richer, fuller lives for their patients.

#### There are many ways to give...

- Make an online donation at college.acaai.org/donate
- Send a check payable to The Allergists' Foundation to: The Allergists' Foundation, 85 W. Algonquin Road, Suite 550, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.
- Contribute as part of your next ACAAI dues statement.
- Designate The Allergists' Foundation (formerly the Foundation of ACAAI) as your charity when shopping via AmazonSmile.
- Donate your honorarium from a speaking engagement.
- Establish a bequest or charitable trust.
- Donate royalties from published material.
- Make a special contribution in the name of someone who passed away.
- Donate corporate stock.

Together with your peers, supporting the Community Grants Program makes the advancement of community allergy to improve clinical practice and patient outcomes possible.



Practicing allergists and those in training need your support more than ever. Join The Allergists' Foundation to pay forward your success by strengthening the future of our specialty for the next generations.

### **GIVE TODAY**





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