



AMERICAN AUTOIMMUNE
RELATED DISEASES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement

The American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, Inc., (AARDA) is dedicated to the eradication of autoimmune diseases and the alleviation of suffering and the socioeconomic impact of autoimmunity through initiating, fostering, and facilitating collaboration in the areas of education, public awareness, research, and patient services in an effective, ethical, and efficient manner.



Participants for AARDA's Auto-immune Walks represented by all ages, Washington DC area



Lilly Stairs (lower center) and her "50 Cents for 50 Million" campaigners visit Children's Hospital, Boston, to distribute 100 "Strength Bunnies"



Partha Nandi, M.D., of "Ask Dr. Nandi," with guests enjoying AARDA's annual fund raiser the Derby Luncheon and Silent Auction

Chairman of the Board the Rev. Dr. Herbert G. Ford



A year ago I greeted AARDA Annual Report readers as a newly elected Chairman of the Board; and, not surprisingly, this past year has been a time of challenge and growth. I am pleased to give you a bit of my own "View from the Top" as an introduction to the more detailed view in this report. AARDA is definitely a national organization on the move.

With my own background in finance, management, community nonprofit involvement, and faith-building, I know that the foundation is important. Thus, I have been particularly cognizant of the effective leadership of members of the AARDA Board of Directors, utilizing their variety of backgrounds in their own goal-setting and overview while drawing on the Executive Director's experience and judgment.

Also, from its very beginning, AARDA has sought the wisdom of its Scientific Advisory Board. Led initially by internationally known researcher Noel R. Rose, M.D., Ph.D., now Chairman Emeritus, the Board is chaired by highly respected researcher Betty Diamond, M.D. Comprised of outstanding researchers representing six countries (Australia, France, Israel, Italy, Germany, and the U.S.A.), this widely scattered Board has been available in speaking, reviewing, advising, and teaching—simply ask!

With this combination of advisors and mentors, plus the dedicated volunteers carrying out fundraising, autoimmune awareness, and support across the country—and, indeed, into some other countries—we have maintained a firm foundation on which to build our work in advancing AARDA's mission of "facilitating collaboration in the areas of education, public awareness, research, and patient services in an effective, ethical and efficient manner."

We are grateful for the generous support of corporate and foundation grants and contributions plus the equally valuable individual donations that have enabled AARDA to move ahead steadily in those stated areas.

We are particularly pleased that we have been able to facilitate collaboration among diverse businesses and groups having a mutual interest in autoimmune diseases. With the establishment of the Autoimmune Partnership Council, offering memberships to the business community and institutions of learning, combined with the increasing effectiveness of the National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups, we are encouraging a sharing of autoimmune information and goals.

While AARDA and friends have a long way to go toward achieving the eventual defeat of the category of autoimmune disease, we know that progress continues in all aspects of the fight, as interested readers can see in "Overview of Major Accomplishments" elsewhere in this report.

Not listed, however, but perhaps the most important part of our "View from the Top" is the genuine concern, the caring, shown among the supporters of AARDA's mission. Even when hurting on a personal basis, AARDA's supporters show compassion for the 50 Million Americans—and others throughout the world—who are afflicted by the life-threatening consequences of many of the autoimmune diseases.

Autoimmune diseases cross the boundaries of all ages, genders, races, and socioeconomic levels. As we say, someone you know has an autoimmune disease. Is it you? Is it a loved one? Or is it someone else who has touched your life? The need for support is great.

On behalf of the 50 Million whom we serve, I thank you for any support you have given—or will give.

President and Executive Director Virginia T. Ladd



One of the real joys of being both President and Executive Director—forget the paper work and endless e-mails—is

viewing the organization from both the AARDA office and the stimulating meetings around the country in which I am included. Sometimes it's easy to be discouraged that no cure for autoimmune disease has been found. Then I see the excitement and learning generated by, for example, AARDA's "The State of Autoimmune Disease: A National Summit," and I see possibilities.

This National Summit featured leading physicians and researchers, plus patients and patient advocates, including our own National Spokesperson Kellie Martin. Together we learned about the past and looked into "Paths for the Future." The profound fatigue felt by many autoimmune disease patients was discussed. We heard about a possible "mapping process" in which physicians and their patients try to pinpoint when the fatigue starts and what factors, like stress, diet, and sleep patterns, may be at play.

We heard the suggestion for a directory of physicians who themselves have autoimmune disease or who have family members with autoimmune disease. Those physicians might help educate other physicians and advocate for improved diagnostic tools and treatments for patients. These are truly patient/people oriented topics for discussion, exciting stuff not only for organization administrators but also for researchers.

What about environment and autoimmunity? Speakers pointed out that over the past several decades, a significant number of autoimmune diseases have increased in frequency not only in the U. S. but also around the world. Mounting evidence for the role of environment comes from a variety of sources, including environmental agents that can alter the structure of cells, making them appear to be foreign invaders, resulting in either an activation or suppression of the immune system.

Speakers emphasized the difficulties in getting an autoimmune disease diagnosis. Surprisingly, one roadblock may be the way that patients describe their symptoms. As Dr. Abid Khan, Director of the MidMichigan Health Autoimmune Disease Center, suggested, patients should not describe the chronic fatigue

afflicting them as "fatigue" but perhaps "function-impaired." The Center, the first such facility in the United States, has received support as an AARDA pilot program.

In the meantime, AARDA has developed and published a white paper on biologics and biosimilars to educate autoimmune organizations' leaders and individual patients. This will enable them to be well informed advocates of policies that protect patient safety issues related to the approval of biologics. Also, with the help of AARDA Board Advisor Stephanie Hales, we have submitted several comments to the FDA regarding biosimilar patient safety issues and CMS regarding Part D guidelines and essential benefits.

All this is simply a smattering of AARDA activities. For details, see "Major Accomplishments for FY 2015" in this Annual Report.

Scientific colloquia, congressional briefings, public forums, media exposure, research support, establishment of an Autoimmune Disease Patient Registry (ARNet), "Linking for the Cure" autoimmune walks across the country, grassroots fundraising with awareness opportunities, personal contacts—they involve both "lofty" views and real people issues. Yes, the current autoimmune disease picture is both disheartening and hopeful—but always exciting.

From a President/Executive Director's "View from the Top" and on a very personal level, I'm privileged to share the autoimmune fight with the many patients and others who definitely won't quit—and I am grateful to our many donors, sponsors, volunteers, and in-kind contributors who make every gain possible.

Just as there is "no such thing as a free lunch," there are no such things as free research, education, patient services, and awareness or the administration to facilitate them. The 50 Million Americans, and others, are depending on us.

Thank you—for doing and being.



Virginia Ladd, AARDA President/Executive Director, addresses Congressional Briefing at National Press Club, Washington DC, held in conjunction with the National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups

Report of the AARDA Scientific Advisory Board



Betty Diamond, M.D., Chair—Dr. Diamond is Center Head, Department of Autoimmune Diseases, The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Manhasset, NY

Our awareness of autoimmune diseases continues to increase, and the number of conditions we now recognize as autoimmune continues to expand. In order to focus on these various aspects of autoimmunity, AARDA sponsored several meetings this past year.

One of these meetings addressed "Neuropsychiatric Manifestations of Autoimmune Diseases." Presentations ranged from new data on diseases already known to be autoimmune in origin, such as multiple sclerosis, to newly recognized autoimmune diseases, such as limbic encephalitis (the topic of the book *Brain on Fire*), to the potential contribution of maternal autoimmunity to

autism spectrum disorder. Another conference was "Eosinophils, Types II Immunity and Autoimmune Disease" that focused on this neglected area of research in autoimmune diseases. A third meeting, "Pregnancy and Lactation in Women with Autoimmune Disease," addressed hormonal regulation of immune and autoimmune responses which needs to be better understood as well as the impact of transfer of maternal antibodies to the developing fetus and neonate. These meetings which are organized annually by AARDA help focus the research agenda in autoimmunity.

AARDA also continues to advocate on behalf of individuals with autoimmune diseases, holding in 2015 a national summit in Washington DC, and public forums in Tampa FL and West Bloomfield MI. While the major efforts of AARDA are directed to advocacy, public awareness of autoimmune diseases, and public access to information, AARDA also funds research trainees and early career investigators.

The autoimmunity field continues to learn about disease pathogenesis and therapy, sometimes from unexpected sources. The use of immune modulatory therapy in cancer has provided new insights into autoimmune disease.

Biologic agents that disrupt regulatory pathways in the immune system have successfully unleashed the power of the immune system to combat tumors but also, in a high number of cases, to lead to autoimmunity. These observations highlight the importance of regulatory checkpoints in controlling autoimmunity and potentially suggest new therapeutic strategies.

Studies of the microbiome and its relationship to the development and maintenance of autoimmunity have exploded. These studies reveal a new arena for prevention and treatment, and they provide important insights into pathways to autoimmunity.

It is clear that AARDA continues to advance its mission in autoimmunity to improve our understanding of (1) the genetic and non-genetic risk factors of diseases; (2) the mechanisms that routinely suppress autoimmunity in healthy individuals; and (3) the novel therapeutic targets that are suggested by a greater understanding of disease risk and pathogenesis. With its focus on advocacy and education, AARDA continues to have an important impact in the field and to help set the national research agenda.

A message from Kellie Martin...

Who would have guessed that the passing of a beautiful young college student could evolve into a nationwide campaign on behalf of 50 million Americans with autoimmune diseases? Yet that is what happened after I had gone through the shock, grief, denial, and—yes—anger caused by the loss of my 19-year-old sister Heather who had gone undiagnosed—until too late—with lupus. I had to do SOMETHING, and that something turned out to be volunteering with AARDA as its National Spokesperson.

During the 17 years that I have spoken out on behalf of the 50 million Americans afflicted with autoimmune diseases, I have been blessed with a successful acting career ("ER," "Life Goes On," "Army Wives," "Christy," "Mystery Woman," and others), a loving marriage, deeply meaningful motherhood—and a book, *Madam*, to my credit. Underlying the public awareness messages via TV, radio, printed pages, and personal appearances have been the memory of Heather's unanswered pleas for help with her illness and the knowledge that my own two little girls have been born into a family with autoimmune diseases. Both the past and the future keep me moving in this fight for AARDA's mission: "... the eradication of autoimmune diseases, the alleviation of suffering, and the socioeconomic impact of autoimmunity. . . ."



We know that approximately 75 percent of those afflicted with autoimmune diseases are women, many in their child-bearing years. In fact, autoimmune diseases are a leading cause of death among women and children in the United States. While autoimmune diseases are not inherited, researchers have found "family clusters" of autoimmunity; and persons with autoimmune diseases often find that many members of their family also have autoimmune disease—not necessarily the same one, but still at least one autoimmune disease from the 100+ such known diseases.

We also know that it can take 3.5 years to obtain an accurate diagnosis, with visits to an average of five physicians before the diagnosis is made—and in the meantime, the disease is steadily progressing. That is where AARDA and I, with my media contacts, come in—AWARENESS! We know that **awareness** can lead to **education** which can lead to diagnosis which can lead to very possibly **life-saving treatment**. And this is where YOU, our interested reader, come in.

I am blessed to find opportunities to lend not only my time and talent but also financial support to the fight against autoimmune diseases. You, too, very likely have talents for creating donations, grants, bequests, and ideas or resources for raising funds. A little or a lot, it all makes a difference. Research, education, and awareness require money. No surprise there!

If you already are actively supporting AARDA in some way—money, in-kind contributions, volunteering—we thank you. If you see the autoimmune fight as a worthy cause, welcome aboard. We'll take the journey together.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Kellie Martin".

Kellie Martin
AARDA National Spokesperson
and Dedicated Volunteer

What happened in FY 2015?

We present an "Overview of Major Accomplishments"....

Research

- Contributed, to date, a total of \$4,762,310 to research
- Introduced a campaign to fund a National Autoimmune Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- Sponsored five students in the Johns Hopkins University Summer Diversity Student Internship Program, Baltimore MD
- Provided "Young Investigator" grants to three Postdoctoral Fellows: Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston MA; The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, Manhasset NY; and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD
- Sponsored 17th Annual Autoimmunity Day, Center for Autoimmune Disease Research, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore MD
- Continued research support for the following:
 - O'Leary-Wilson Autoimmune Disease Fellowship, basic autoimmune research, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD
 - Role of the innate immune system in lupus, The Feingold Institute for Medical Research, Manhasset NY
- Completed research study, "Autoimmune Disease and Fatigue: Patients Speak"



Young researchers, JHU Diversity Summer Internship Program 2015 - L to r: Alejandra Garcia, Chelsea Sauni, Mankaah Acho, Brandon Mallory, Felix Contreras-Castro

Education (Scientific, Public, Patient)

- Sponsored, cosponsored, or supported the following:
 - Scientific round table, "Eosinophils, Type II Immunity and Autoimmune Disease," Washington DC
 - Scientific colloquium, "Neuropsychiatric Manifestations of Autoimmune Disease," Washington DC
 - "Pregnancy and Lactation in Women with Autoimmune Disease: Sharing Knowledge Across Disciplines," San Diego CA
 - "The State of Autoimmune Disease: A National Summit," Washington DC
 - "What Every American Needs to Know About Autoimmune Disease," AARDA public forums, Tampa FL, West Bloomfield MI
 - "How to Dance in the Rain," Conference for the Autoimmune Community, Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter and others, Grand Rapids MI
 - American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting (AARDA provided staffed display booth), San Francisco CA
- Provided representation at Congressional Briefing on "Inflammatory Eye Diseases, Focus on Uveitis," Congressional Briefing sponsored by National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
- Continued to distribute Autoimmu-

nity Curriculum for Elementary and Middle School Teachers, at no charge to teachers

- Continued as a source of autoimmune disease information on WebMD
- Continued to offer "My Autoimmune Story" video on AARDA YouTube channel
- Maintained social networking sites (Facebook page, 88,582 "likes," Twitter account, 2,497 followers)
- Published quarterly lay-friendly, 12-page newsletter *InFocus*
- Made available informational brochure and PowerPoint presentation of AARDA's "Risk/Benefit" study
- Provided free educational brochures and newsletters to numerous health-centered meetings and events (CA, VA, MI, NY, GA, DC, IL, AZ, NC, IN, AR, NJ)
- Maintained 24-hour toll-free request line
- Provided referrals and non-medical information during office hours via the Patient Educator
- Maintained Local Contact list with support groups as available



Noel R. Rose, M.D., Ph.D., addresses audience at AARDA Public Forum in Michigan



Advocacy and Awareness

- Continued facilitation of the 38-member National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups (NCAPG)
- Provided representative at United Nations World Health Organization meeting on biologic and biosimilar drugs, Geneva, Switzerland
- Provided representative to Advocacy Day sponsored by the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
- Co-sponsored with the NCAPG a news briefing, "The State of Autoimmune Disease, A National Summit," at the National Press Club, Washington DC
- Continued development and information gathering for a first-of-its-kind National Autoimmune Disease Registry
- Cosponsored Capitol Hill Congressional Briefing ("Step Therapy and Related Patient Concerns"), Washington DC
- Compiled data collected from a Web-based survey on how the Affordable Care Act is affecting autoimmune disease patients
- Provided interviews and information for news media; had major advertisements in national publications



Fundraising

- Continued to encourage and provide support for "grassroots fundraising," including the online Grassroots Newsletter
- Expanded the Autoimmune Disease Awareness Walks schedule and provided support for Virtual Walks
- Sponsored the AARDA Annual Fund Raiser in the Greater Detroit area (\$59,817 profit)

Administration

- Maintained the following ratings:
 - Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance Charity
 - Best in America Certified by Independent Charities of America
 - Charity Navigator Three Star Charity
- Maintained membership and active participation in the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)
- Continued to meet all Standards of National Health Council and maintain long-time membership
- Continued standing in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
- Remained recognized Member Organization of Health & Medical Research Charities of America
- Held combined management and fundraising costs at 10 percent of total expenses (compared with 25 percent acceptable for nonprofit organizations)

To The Board of Directors, American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association as of September 30, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Gordon Advisors, P.C.

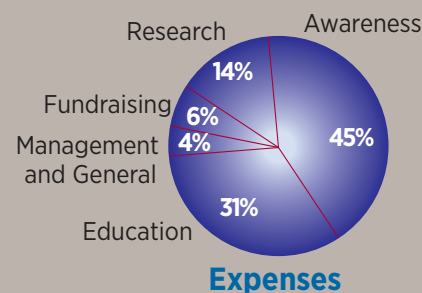
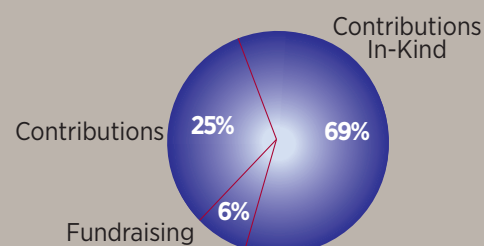
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AMERICAN AUTOIMMUNE RELATED DISEASES ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For The Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Program Services			Total Program Services	Supporting Services		Total
	Education	Public Awareness	Research		Management and General	Fund Raising	
In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 498,967	\$ 943,322	\$275,634	\$ 1,717,923	\$ 61,565	\$ 95,007	\$1,874,495
Other Expenses:							
Wages	156,649	122,069	7,478	286,196	14,191	19,323	319,710
Professional fees	5,197	7,991	14,172	27,360	12,725	4,197	44,282
Postage and shipping	6,553	4,020	183	10,756	334	1,163	12,253
Public relations	23,661	39,497	0	63,158	0	60	63,218
Printing and stationery	11,393	4,821	94	16,308	217	567	17,092
Office supplies	1,027	951	0	1,978	74	37	2,089
Operating supplies	718	593	0	1,311	26	231	1,568
Dues and subscriptions	2,858	2,187	500	5,545	200	44	5,789
Filing fees	565	564	0	1,129	285	565	1,979
Equipment maintenance	1,142	899	0	2,041	61	380	2,482
Telephone	3,583	3,580	0	7,163	302	191	7,656
Insurance	970	970	0	1,940	1,035	971	3,946
State and national meetings	26,654	16,335	9,018	52,007	1,288	536	53,831
Travel	13,737	9,400	6,520	29,657	1,856	984	32,497
Depreciation	3,649	2,322	1,742	7,713	332	249	8,294
Payroll taxes	11,065	7,000	5,250	23,315	1,000	750	25,065
Insurance—Health	6,377	5,070	293	11,740	863	827	13,430
Fundraising—							
Derby	0	0	0	0	0	25,280	25,280
Board expenses	0	0	0	0	1,435	0	1,435
Grants	13,116	0	41,000	54,116	0	0	54,116
Repairs and maintenance	852	543	0	1,395	77	77	1,549
Utilities	2,143	2,143	0	4,286	182	91	4,559
Miscellaneous	15	14	0	29	76	1	106
Retirement plan contributions	5,911	4,491	0	10,402	468	673	11,543
Website	3,119	2,042	0	5,161	108	108	5,377
Total Other Expenses	<u>300,954</u>	<u>237,502</u>	<u>86,250</u>	<u>624,706</u>	<u>37,135</u>	<u>57,305</u>	<u>719,146</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 799,921</u>	<u>\$ 1,180,824</u>	<u>\$ 361,884</u>	<u>\$ 2,342,629</u>	<u>\$98,700</u>	<u>\$ 152,312</u>	<u>\$ 2,593,641</u>

AMERICAN AUTOIMMUNE RELATED DISEASES ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For The Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue and Other Support:			
Contributions	\$ 762,157	\$ 17,083	\$ 779,240
Less: Donor designations	<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>
Net Contributions	682,157	17,083	699,240
In-kind goods and services	1,874,495	0	1,874,495
Fundraising income	153,890	0	153,890
Interest income	<u>202</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>202</u>
	2,710,744	17,083	2,727,827
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	<u>54,000</u>	<u>(54,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>2,764,744</u>	<u>(36,917)</u>	<u>2,727,827</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Education	799,921	0	799,921
Public awareness	1,180,824	0	1,180,824
Research	361,884	0	361,884
Total program services	<u>2,342,629</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,342,629</u>
Supporting services:			
Management and general	98,700	0	98,700
Fundraising	<u>152,312</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,312</u>
Total supporting services	<u>251,012</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>251,012</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,593,641</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,593,641</u>
Change In Net Assets	171,103	(36,917)	134,186
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>742,402</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>796,402</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 913,505</u>	<u>\$ 17,083</u>	<u>\$ 930,588</u>



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Space does not allow us to include the names of all the other persons and organizations who gave their financial support to AARDA, but we want to say "Thank you"—again—as we give this recognition in honor of their generosity.

Memorials and Tributes

Since it is our policy not to release amounts given for these donations, we take this opportunity to express our appreciation once more to those kind donors. Every contribution has been acknowledged to the donors and to those persons honored or to the families of those held in memoriam.

AARDA Memorial / Tribute Program

Write or call us for full details of this program. It can be handled by mail or by phone using Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

Memorial and Tribute contributions bring great satisfaction to donors AND to the recipients (or their families).

They also help greatly in our ongoing fight against all autoimmune diseases.

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