

ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2024



Hello!

This Annual Report highlights the progress we achieved in Fiscal Year 2024 in advancing the fight against autoimmune disease. Every milestone we reach is made possible through the contributions of donors, sponsors, partners, and volunteers.

We continued to be a powerful voice for patients, advocating for policies that improve access to care and supporting critical research initiatives. Our education programs equipped patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals with essential resources. We also expanded our efforts to raise public awareness, ensuring autoimmune disease receives the attention and urgency they deserve.

Behind these success stories is the generosity of donors, the commitment of sponsors, and the passion of volunteers. Your support fuels our mission, drives innovation, and brings hope to millions living with autoimmune disease. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

As you explore this report, I hope you feel pride in what we've accomplished together. We look forward to building on this momentum and creating even greater impact in the years ahead.

Thank you for being part of our mission.

With gratitude,



Molly Murray
President & CEO



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Advocacy

In 2024, we hosted our first in-person Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C., with 20 advocates from 10 states, who championed patient-focused legislation and pushed for more federal investment in autoimmune disease research. Advocates shared personal stories to highlight the growing prevalence of autoimmune disease and the challenges patients face.

Throughout the year, we continued leading efforts to prioritize patients and improve access to care. We advocated for initiatives to increase transparency, reduce healthcare costs, lower administrative burdens, close Essential Health Benefits loopholes, and secure funding for the Office of Autoimmune Disease Research at the National Institutes of Health. In a key win, we also collaborated with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to protect medication rebate discounts that patients rely on.



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Awareness

As part of our commitment to actively engaging with young people living with autoimmune disease and addressing their unique needs, we established the Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC). This group of 16 exemplary individuals work to empower and advocate for young adults aged 15 to 25 living with autoimmune disease.

YAAC members connect with peers facing similar challenges, forge meaningful relationships, and advocate for the autoimmune community. They also develop essential leadership skills, preparing them to become future leaders driving positive change within the association and beyond.

In March, Autoimmune Awareness Month brought remarkable growth and engagement across our community. We shared a social media toolkit, providing patients, advocates, and supporters with a tool for sharing their stories among their personal networks. The campaign successfully boosted awareness, resulting in significant growth across social media, newsletter subscriptions, and website traffic. This increased engagement reflects the strength of our community and the rising visibility of autoimmune disease.



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Education

Our educational initiatives reached thousands through the third annual Autoimmune Community Summit, featuring sessions led by experts in research, healthcare, policy, and patient advocacy, offering the latest research, resources, and strategies to empower patients and advocates.

On our online support community, we hosted expert discussions on nutrition and medical gaslighting, providing valuable insights on managing autoimmune conditions and advocating for better care.



Lee Thomas is featured in a promotional graphic for the Autoimmune Community Summit. The graphic includes a photo of Lee Thomas, a man with glasses and a blue shirt, and the summit logo. Below the photo, it identifies him as a Speaker/Patient Advocate and a Keynote Speaker for Thursday, October 5 at 11:35 am ET. The Autoimmune Association logo is at the bottom.

LEE THOMAS
Speaker/Patient Advocate

Keynote Speaker
Thursday, October 5 | 11:35 am ET

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This graphic promotes an 'Ask the Expert' session on medical gaslighting. It features the Inspire logo and the title 'Medical Gaslighting & How to Ensure Your Provider Hears You'. It encourages users to post questions through March 22 at autoimmune.inspire.com. The expert is identified as Rebecca Hosey, DC, MS, PA-C, a Chiropractor and Physician assistant, Author and chronic disease patient, and Advocate of the Year.

ASK THE EXPERT 

Medical Gaslighting & How to Ensure Your Provider Hears You

Post your questions now through March 22 at autoimmune.inspire.com

Rebecca Hosey, DC, MS, PA-C
Chiropractor and Physician assistant
Author and chronic disease patient
Advocate of the Year



Rebecca Hosey is featured in a promotional graphic for the Autoimmune Association. The graphic includes a circular photo of Rebecca Hosey, a woman with glasses and a blue top, and the association logo. The logo consists of a stylized 'A' and the text 'autoimmune association'.



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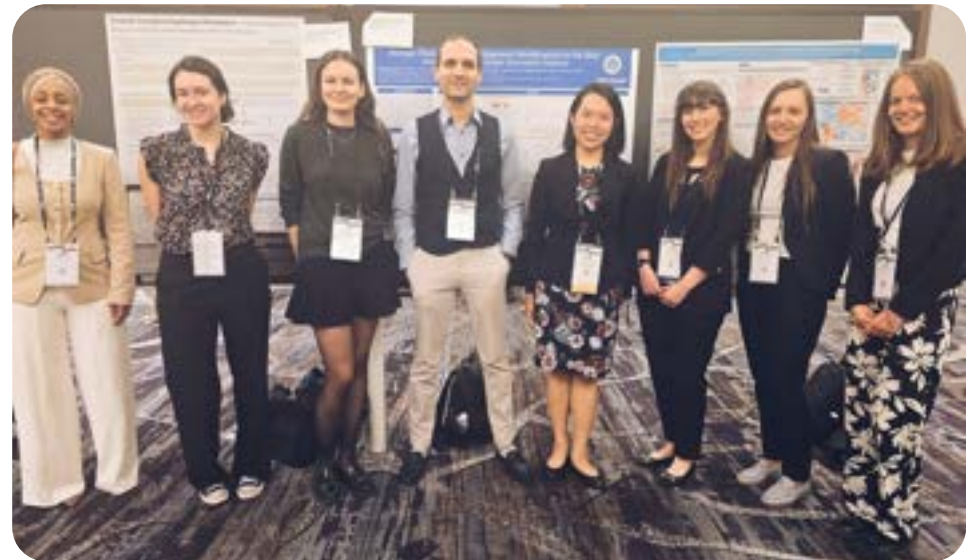
Research

In 2024, our research initiatives were focused on addressing key issues in autoimmune health. In partnership with experts from the University of Chicago and Stanford, we launched a survey to assess the impacts of extreme weather events like wildfires, floods, and heatwaves on autoimmune conditions.

We also supported young investigators by participating in the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS) Annual Meeting, co-sponsoring a basic immunology course and a networking event showcasing immunological breakthroughs. We awarded travel grants to two early-career researchers to attend.

Additionally, we promoted over 100 open research studies, clinical trials, and patient focus groups for a wide range of autoimmune diseases, including Addison's, alopecia areata, chronic fatigue syndrome, chronic idiopathic demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), dermatomyositis, IgA nephropathy, IgG4 RD,

multiple sclerosis (MS), myasthenia gravis (MG), psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis (PsA), pyoderma gangrenosum, rheumatoid arthritis (RA), sarcoidosis, scleroderma, Sjögren's, thyroid eye disease (TED)/ Graves', ulcerative colitis, warm autoimmune hemolytic anemia (WAIHA), and many more.



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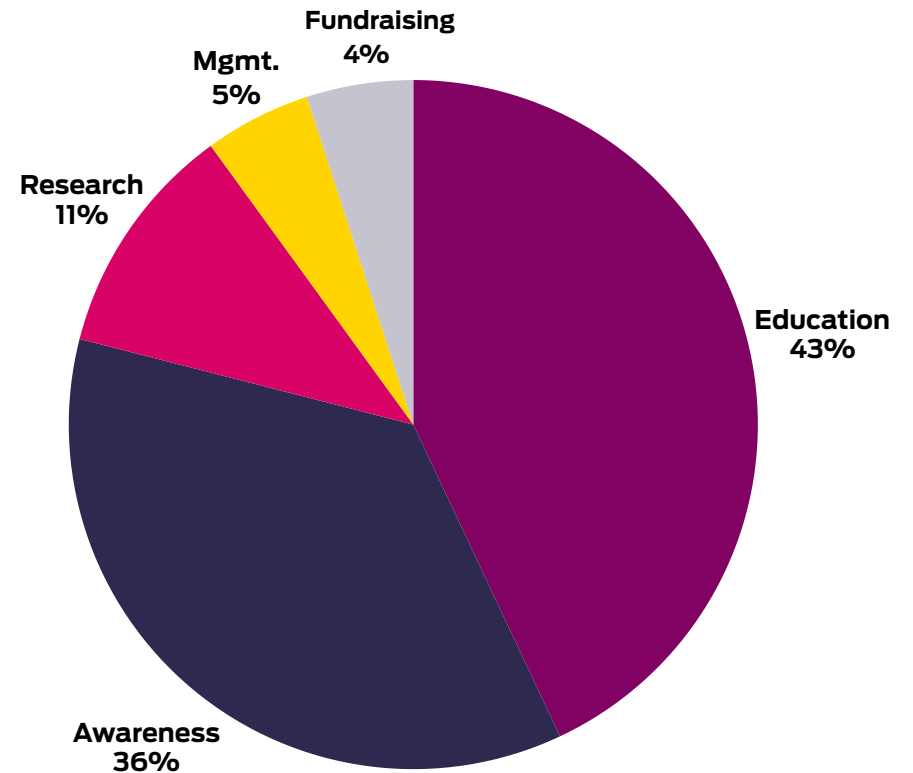
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Program Services	
Education	\$1,063,706
Awareness	\$875,985
Research	\$284,310
Management & General	\$114,584
Fundraising	\$118,786
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,457,371
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$240,318
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$2,217,248
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$2,457,566



● Education
 ● Awareness
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