

ARTHRITIS and AOTT

did you know...

THE BASIC FACTS

- AOII's International Philanthropy is **Arthritis**.
- AOII's arthritis partner is the **Arthritis Foundation (AF)**.
- AOII dollars to the Arthritis Foundation support arthritis research, Juvenile Arthritis **Power Packs**, and Juvenile Arthritis **Camps and Conferences**.

SUPPORT TO THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

- In 2016, AOII chapters and members raised **\$575,000** for the Arthritis Foundation
- AOII supports two Arthritis Foundation national events each year, **Walk to Cure Arthritis (WTCA)** in the spring, and **Jingle Bell Run (JBR)** in November/December.
- In 2016, AOII chapters and members raised more than **\$78,000 for WTCA and \$150,000 for the JBR**, up \$95,000 over the previous year.
- AOII sends more than **800 pandas** annually to children attending the two Juvenile Arthritis Conferences held each year.
- Numerous local JA camps are supported by AOII chapters through funding and personal involvement.

AOII PROMOTING ARTHRITIS AWARENESS

- AOII produced a **philanthropy video** for use during recruitment philanthropy rounds. The video is available for digital download on AOII's Fulfilling the Promise website: edu.alphaomicronpi.org.
- AOII's branded philanthropic *informational* events are called **AOII Goes Blue**. BLUE – because the **International awareness color** for arthritis is blue. The Arthritis Foundation's corporate brand change to green does not change our program. Look for an updated **"In A Box"** kit for AOII Goes Blue on Fulfilling the Promise.
- AOII's branded philanthropic *fundraising* events are called **Strike Out Arthritis!** These events can vary by chapter, but are often baseball, volleyball, wiffleball or bowling tournaments. Look for an updated **"In A Box"** kit for Strike Out Arthritis! on Fulfilling the Promise.
- AOII's relationship with Major League Baseball continues to grow. We now partners with all 30 MLB teams each year for **Strike Out Arthritis! with Major League Baseball** events.

UNDERSTANDING ARTHRITIS

WHAT IS ARTHRITIS?

Arthritis is an informal way of referring to more than 100 types of joint diseases.

LIFE IMPACT

23 million people with arthritis are limited in their ability to do daily activities, such as standing, bending, walking and climbing stairs.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Arthritis and other non-traumatic joint disorders are among the five costliest conditions among adults 18 and older.
- Every year, people with arthritis and other rheumatic conditions give up potential income (“lost wages”) due to injury or illness.
- Arthritis and related conditions account for
 - \$156 billion annually in lost wages and medical expenses
 - 44 million outpatient visits
 - Nearly 1 million hospitalizations
- The nearly 300,000 children with juvenile arthritis and rheumatic conditions make an estimated 621,000 health care profession visits every year.

ARTHRITIS PREVELANCE

- More than 50 million adults have doctor-diagnosed arthritis.
 - That’s 1 in 5 people over the age of 18.
- Almost 300,000 babies and children have arthritis or a rheumatic condition.
 - That’s 1 in 250 children.
- 67 million people are expected to have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030.
- Arthritis is the nation’s No. 1 cause of disability.

ALL AGES AND GENDERS

- People commonly think of arthritis as an old people’s problem. But arthritis is not a disease of old age.
 - Infants, as young as 1-year-old, can get a potentially serious disease called systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis.
 - Two-thirds of people with arthritis are under age 65, including an estimated 300,000 children.
 - But the risk of arthritis does increase with age. Almost half of adults 65 years old or older have arthritis.
- Doctor-diagnosed arthritis is more common in women (26 percent) than in men (18 percent). In some types, such as rheumatoid arthritis, women far outnumber men.