

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 all **Juvenile Arthritis (JA) camps**, both **JA National Conferences**, **JA Power Packs**, "**Connect on Campus**" **JA programming** and **arthritis research**.

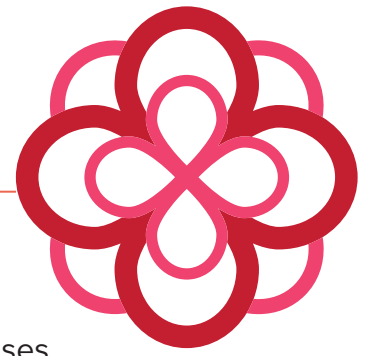
SUPPORT TO THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

- During the 2017-2019 biennium, AOII chapters and members raised **\$1,750,000** for the Arthritis Foundation and celebrated **50 years of partnership!**
- AOII chapters support two Arthritis Foundation national events each year, **Walk to Cure Arthritis** (WTCA) in the spring, and **Jingle Bell Run** (JBR) in November/December.
- More than **1600 pandas** were donated during the biennium to children attending the two Juvenile Arthritis Conferences.
- More than 40 National Juvenile Arthritis camps are supported by AOII through funding and personal involvement.

AOII PROMOTING ARTHRITIS AWARENESS

- AOII's branded philanthropic *fundraising* events are called **Strike Out Arthritis!** These events can vary by chapter, but are often fun baseball, volleyball, wiffleball or bowling tournaments. A helpful **In A Box** resource kit is available to help plan successful Strike Out Arthritis! events.
- AOII's branded philanthropic *informational* events are called **AOII Goes Blue**. AOII goes blue because the **international awareness color** for arthritis is blue. The Arthritis Foundation's corporate brand change to green does not change our program name. An **In A Box** resource kit is also available to help plan a successful event.
- AOII's relationship with Major League Baseball continues as we partner with most of the 30 MLB teams each year for **Strike Out Arthritis! with Major League Baseball** events.
- AOII offers a **philanthropy video** for use during recruitment philanthropy rounds. The video is available to download on AOII's Fulfilling the Promise website: edu.alphaomicronpi.org.

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.