

# **Dance Party for Juvenile Arthritis**

**Mission Impact** 

## What We Do: Conquer Arthritis

With your support, the Arthritis Foundation is boldly pursuing a cure for America's #1 cause of disability while championing the fight to conquer arthritis with life-changing science, resources, advocacy and community connections. Learn more about how your support furthers our work, visit **arthritis.org**.



**Scientific Research:** We were key to making biologics a reality. And today we're accelerating the development of new treatments while pursuing a cure.



**Patient Education & Resources:** As your go-to place for managing arthritis and being empowered, we provide trusted information and numerous ways to connect with others.



**Juvenile Arthritis:** We support families challenged by juvenile arthritis and other childhood rheumatic conditions through life-changing programs and resources.



**Advocacy:** With our army of over 100,000 Arthritis Advocates, we're breaking down barriers to improve access to quality health care that's affordable.

# **Mission Impact**

Below are talking points and impact messages that can complement social media posts and promotional collateral. They are a great way to help generate awareness and support for the arthritis community. Check out additional infographics and easy social posts **HERE**.

- Share your own personal story and your why. Share why you are fundraising, share how they can get involved and why it's important to join your party.
- Everyone can make a difference in the battle to conquer arthritis. Through your support, the arthritis community will gain access to tools and resources to better manage their disease and the opportunity to connect with others living with arthritis.
- Arthritis is the nation's #1 cause of disability, affecting 300,000 children and nearly 60 million adults.
- There are more than 100 types of arthritis but no cure. Your donation will make an impact through research for better treatments and ultimately a cure for this debilitating disease.
- In 2022, the Arthritis Foundation awarded \$100,000 in college scholarships to deserving students who live with arthritis or a related rheumatic disease and who have made an impact on the arthritis community.
- With your donation, the Arthritis Foundation is boldly pursuing a cure while championing the fight to conquer arthritis through; cutting-edge research, one-on-one and community support, life-changing resources and tools for daily living.



#### How donations can change lives:

**\$50** – Can help meet the needs of the 300,000 kids diagnosed with arthritis and their families through educational opportunities, camp scholarships, JA Power Packs and more.

**\$100** – Can help train the next generation of rheumatologists by funding new fellowships and securing more federal research dollars.

**\$250** – Can help support advocacy efforts to cap out-of-pocket costs and enact policies and laws that remove barriers to care, like the high costs of treatment, difficulty accessing medications and more.

**\$500** – Can help develop and distribute resources like webinars, podcasts, e-books and community programs and services that can change lives.

\$1,000 - Can help fuel scientific research leading to new and better arthritis treatments—and ultimately a cure.

The **Arthritis Foundation** is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and is used where it is needed most.

# Did You Know?

Juvenile Arthritis and other pediatric rheumatic diseases affect nearly 300,000 kids and teens in the United States. Every donation to the Arthritis Foundation will help people with arthritis across the country live their best lives. Whether it supports cutting-edge research, access to community and one-on-one support, resources and tools for daily living and more, donations changes lives. Below are a few Arthritis Foundation program examples that can help complement social media posts and promotional collateral to increase awareness.

### **Juvenile Arthritis Conferences**

The annual National Juvenile Arthritis Conference is the Arthritis Foundation's signature, nationwide event for families affected by juvenile arthritis and childhood rheumatic diseases. This four-day educational conference focuses on health, wellness and fun for families, children/teens and young adults affected by JA and related childhood rheumatic diseases.

Post conference survey results indicate that since attending a JA Conference, respondents agree/strongly agree that they:

- Feel more knowledgeable about JA (92%)
- Feel empowered and supported (85%)
- Feel more connected to JA families (84%)
- Feel more confident in their ability to manage their child's JA (80%)



### **JA Power Packs**

JA Power Packs provide tools to help parents, caregivers and your child more confidently navigate their journey with JA. Designed for three different age groups, each JA Power Pack provides life-changing information and more.

- Since 2015, the Arthritis Foundation has distributed over 12,400 power packs to children and teens.
- Results from JA Power Pack follow-up surveys show that:
  - 84% of parents/caregivers feel more confident in their ability to manage their child's health
  - 81% communicate more effectively with others about their child's arthritis
  - 75% have learned new coping skills for managing their child's pain

### **JA Camps**

JA Camps provide a secure camping and learning environment for children and teens. Campers develop improved confidence and self-advocacy skills to help better manage their arthritis.

- Over the summer of 2022, the Arthritis Foundation hosted 10 camps (in person and virtual) with 452 campers and 244 volunteers.
- Results from JA Camp survey results show that 85% of respondents report that their child felt less alone after attending camp.

## **Arthritis Champions Scholarships**

The Arthritis Champions Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students with arthritis or a related rheumatic disease who impact the arthritis community by serving as positive role models and leaders and live their best lives, while empowering others to do the same.

• Between 2010 and 2022, the Arthritis Champions Scholarship program has supported dozens of college students through a total of \$845,000 in awards.

