

Food Allergy Research & Education



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Mission

Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is the leading national organization working on behalf of 15 million Americans with food allergies. FARE was formed in 2012 as the result of a merger between the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network and the Food Allergy Initiative. FARE's mission is to find a cure for food allergies and to keep individuals with food allergies safe and included.

Strategy/Approach

The goal of FARE's comprehensive strategic plan is to accelerate the development of safe, practical therapies that protect all individuals with food allergies against life-threatening reactions. Working with leading experts, FARE is implementing the plan's three pillars:

- **Creating a national coordinating center for research** that will oversee the FARE Clinical Research Network, a national network of food allergy centers that will be certified by FARE. These centers will conduct standardized, FARE-funded clinical trials, collect and share data, and provide patient care.
- **Developing the scientific understanding, tools, and resources that are needed to advance research and build a pipeline of new therapies.** These tools include a patient registry and a biorepository that collects and stores patients DNA, blood serum, and other biomarkers.
- **Attracting outstanding investigators to the field of food allergy.** FARE will provide seed funding, career development grants, and awards that promote exploration of new solutions, motivate young investigators, and encourage investigators from other disciplines to apply their talent to food allergy.

In addition to funding world-class research to discover new therapies and find a cure, FARE invests in evidence-based education and resources; advocacy initiatives at the federal, state and local levels; and increasing awareness of food allergy as a serious public health issue. FARE provides many ways for individuals, families, communities and schools to get involved, including special events, the FARE Walk for Food Allergy, the FARE Advocacy Network and Team FARE, which allows supporters to create personalized online fundraising campaigns.

Research Portfolio

FARE is the world's largest private source of funding for food allergy research and provides grants to qualified researchers at major medical centers worldwide. This research includes clinical trials, as well as studies that answer crucial questions

about the causes, epidemiology, and economic and social impact of food allergies.

FARE grants are reviewed and awarded throughout the year to established investigators engaged in food allergy research. Grants are awarded to projects that advance the goals of FARE's strategic plan for research. Eligibility is not restricted by citizenship or geography.

FARE co-sponsors **The AAAAI/Food Allergy Research & Education Howards Gittis Memorial 3rd/4th Year Fellowship/Junior Faculty Research Award** with the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). This two-year grant supports investigators involved in education and basic or clinical research on mechanisms and treatment of food-allergic diseases.

Partnership Practices

FARE collaborates with a variety of organizations to further its mission and programs. Corporate sponsors for events and conferences include Mylan, Sanofi-Aventis, General Mills, Marriott, Mars, PepsiCo, Sodexo, Toyota, and others. A partnership with **Research Match** a national online patient registry, funded by the National Institutes of Health, connects patients with food allergies to new clinical trials across the U.S..

Allergen Research Corporation (ARC) was founded in 2011 in partnership with FARE. ARC is a separate, for profit corporation dedicated to developing pharmaceutical-grade food allergens for use in oral immunotherapy (OIT), which has launched an FDA Phase IIb study at medical centers nationwide.

Financials

FARE is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The most recent financial information available is from 2012, the year that the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) and the Food Allergy Initiative (FAI) merged to form FARE. The following financial summary reflects the combined financial information provided in the 2012 audited financial statements for FARE, FAAN and FAI.

FAAN

Year ending 12/31/12:

- Revenue: \$4,033,011
- Net Assets*
- Research Grants: \$ 450,000
- Gifts received: \$3,956,261
- Expenditures: \$3,712,971

*Net Assets transferred to FARE on October 25, 2012

FARE

Year ending 12/31/12:

- Revenue: \$8,312,098
- Net Assets: \$6,398,788
- Research Grants: \$4,883,018
- Gifts received: \$8,817,983
- Expenditures: \$9,230,852

Key Accomplishments

- World's largest private source of funding for food allergy research.
- FARE funding has advanced the development of promising new treatments, including oral and sublingual immunotherapy (OIT) for single and multiple food allergens, as well as basic research that could lead to the development of novel therapies.
- Successfully advocated for the passage of the School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act – the first federal law encouraging schools to stock epinephrine for use in allergic emergencies – which was signed into law by President Obama in November 2013.
- Longtime advocate for increased federal funding for food allergy research – from \$4 million in 2004 to \$31 million today
- Provide a wide range of education initiatives that improve the lives of individuals and families with food allergies, including patient education packets for distribution through allergists' offices nationwide; national conferences for teens and families; a webinar series; Community Outreach Grants (awarding more than \$136,000 in support in 2013); and training programs for schools and restaurant employees.

Leadership

FARE is governed by a Board of Directors. FARE also receives guidance and advice from its Medical Advisory Board, which provides guidance on and reviews educational content, and its Research Advisory Board, which reviews research proposals, identifies high-quality research of great promise, and recommends projects for funding.

In addition to its National Office in McLean, VA, FARE has an office in New York and regional offices in the Northeast, Midwest, Southeast, Southwest, and West.

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