BRIEF HISTORY OF Breathe Pennsylvania

Breathe Pennsylvania is a nonprofit organization (501(c)3) that helps the residents of western Pennsylvania achieve and maintain optimal lung health through education, prevention, awareness and direct services. For the last century, Breathe Pennsylvania has been a pioneer in the fight against lung disease.

In 1905, the Pittsburgh Sanatorium, known as the “House on the Hill,” was opened by the organization in what is now Pittsburgh’s Hill District. The hospital provided local tuberculosis patients with the only known remedy for the disease at the time – rest and fresh air.

Throughout its rich history, Breathe Pennsylvania has been a leader in providing people with the tools and knowledge to become advocates for their own lung health. We continually expand programs and services to educate the community on chronic lung disease including tuberculosis, COPD, and asthma. Breathe Pennsylvania also provides vaping education and smoking cessation services and resources, as well as radon testing tools and community-based support groups.

Breathe Pennsylvania’s program offerings are available throughout Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

MISSION AND VISION

Breathe Pennsylvania’s mission is to empower western Pennsylvanians to breathe better and live healthier through education and awareness of lung health in our community.

The organization’s vision is to impact respiratory disease through increased program reach by serving as a conduit between consumers, the community, and providers, and by supporting life-changing education and lung health research.
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2019-2020 AT A GLANCE

REVENUE
- Contributions and Grants ........................................... $371,650
- Program Service Revenue ........................................... $49,578
- Investment Income .................................................. $1,833,586
- Other ............................................................................ $112,773
Total = $2,367,587

EXPENSES
- Program Services and Advocacy ......................... $1,086,127
- Fundraising ................................................................. $87,138
- Administrative & General ....................................... $102,475
Total = $1,275,740
2019-2020 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided asthma training in 29 schools, distributing 332 Student Asthma Tool Kits
- Distributed 20 Sleep Apnea Resource Boxes to Primary Care Physicians
- Provided tobacco and vaping education to 4,000 school personnel
- Served 556 students through the Smokeless Saturday Program
- Educated 335 adults through the Direct Lung Education Program
- Provided $36,000 in direct support for respiratory medications, pulmonary rehabilitation assistance, and window air conditioning units
- Provided tuberculosis education to 156 physicians in western PA.

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