



Impacting Illinois

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.

LIVE FIERCE NIKI

Niki is using her second chance at life to encourage survivors and educate the public about heart disease, particularly how it affects women.



EFFECTIVE CPR
 We trained 346,034 Illinois residents in the lifesaving skills of CPR.

ADVOCATES FOR HEALTH
 • Healthy Kid Meals
 • E-cigarette Tax
 • Stroke Registry

INVESTING IN YOUTH
 655,633 Illinois students participated in our Youth Market programs.

GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

New research studies funded in the past 5 years (2016-2020) by the American Heart Association

- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
3 studies - \$438,661
- Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
3 studies - \$502,419
- Loyola University, Chicago/Maywood
7 studies - \$517,300
- Northwestern University, Chicago/Evanston
84 studies - \$25,836,867
- Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
3 studies - \$661,752
- Rush University Medical Center
2 studies - \$307,210
- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale/Edwardsville
2 studies - \$207,688
- University of Chicago
24 studies - \$2,707,690
- University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana
11 studies - \$1,488,082
- University of Illinois, Chicago
44 studies - \$5,766,812
- Total: 183 studies - \$38,434,481**

Each year, more and more investigators look to the AHA to fund their advancements, but the pool of dollars is not large enough to accommodate every idea. In FY 2019-2020, the AHA received 3,555 more applications, totaling \$817.7 million, that we could not fund. This means many scientific projects were shelved, and the knowledge that would result from them deferred.



HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS
 We're working to ensure everyone has the opportunity to buy affordable, healthy food and beverages.



E-CIGARETTES & VAPING
 We are leading the way in urging regulation of these devices and the liquids in them, as well as ensuring they stay out of the hands of kids.



PHY. ED. IN SCHOOLS
 A national recommendation of weekly minutes of physical education provides students with healthy options now.