



AAFA Statement

AAFA Applauds 2021 EPA National Environmental Leadership Award Winner Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego Severe Asthma Program



AAFA staff meet with members of the Rady Children's severe asthma clinic team. (Photo was taken in early February 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic became widespread in the United States.)

Washington D.C., May 5, 2021 — *"The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) congratulates Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego (RCHSD) for winning the EPA National Environmental Leadership Management Award. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the work Rady Children's is doing to run the AAFA Severe Asthma Program (SAP).*

AAFA is currently teaming with Rady Children's to help grow and expand its severe asthma clinic by providing funding, education support, and building its community network. The clinic serves as a model for treating children with severe persistent, uncontrolled asthma – including those living in often overlooked, at-risk communities. In fact, this is a program

AAFA hopes to help replicate throughout the nation to address asthma disparities while promoting health equity.

AAFA is thrilled the team at Rady Children's is receiving this distinguished honor for all of their hard work and dedication, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We're also proud of our role in supporting the program and look forward to continued collaboration." – Kenneth Mendez, CEO and President of AAFA

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To learn more about AAFA's support of Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego Severe Asthma Program clinic go to: aafa.org and [Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego Severe Asthma Program Clinic](https://www.radychildrens.org/locations/san-diego/severe-asthma-program)

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About AAFA

Founded in 1953, AAFA is the oldest and largest non-profit patient organization dedicated to saving lives and reducing the burden of disease for people with asthma, allergies and related conditions through research, education, advocacy and support. AAFA offers extensive support for individuals and families affected by asthma and allergic diseases, such as food allergies and atopic dermatitis (eczema). Through its online patient support communities, network of local chapters and affiliated support groups, AAFA empowers patients and their families by providing practical, evidence-based information and community programs and services. AAFA is the only asthma and allergy patient advocacy group that is certified to meet the standards of excellence set by the National Health Council. For more information, visit www.aafa.org.