

# ASTHMA'S IMPACT ON THE NATION

## Asthma is common.



**1 in 11** children have asthma

**1 in 12** adults have asthma

Black children are **2 TIMES** more likely to have asthma than white children.

## Asthma is deadly.



**1 in 5** children with asthma went to an emergency department for asthma-related care in 2009.

In 2009, there were:

**479,000** asthma-related hospitalizations

**1.9 million** asthma-related emergency department visits

**8.9 million** asthma-related doctor visits

**9** people die from asthma every day.

Black Americans are **2-3** times more likely to die from asthma than any other racial or ethnic group.

## Asthma is disruptive.

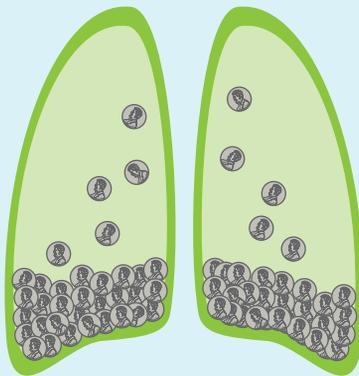
**NEARLY 1 in 2** children with asthma report missing at least 1 day of school each year because of asthma.

**3 in 5** People with asthma limit their physical activity.

**NEARLY 1 in 3** adults with asthma report missing at least 1 day of work each year because of asthma.

## Asthma is expensive.

Asthma costs **OUR NATION \$56** BILLION per year



**1 in 4** black adults can't afford their asthma medicines.



**1 in 5** Hispanic adults can't afford their asthma medicines.