



FAAN FACT SHEET

Background: Founded in 1991 by Anne Muñoz-Furlong, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is the world's largest non-profit organization providing information about food allergy to the media, schools, health professionals, pharmaceutical companies, the food industry, government officials and to the food allergic community. Muñoz-Furlong established the organization because of the lack of information available when her own daughter was diagnosed with milk and egg allergy as an infant. FAAN is based in Fairfax, Virginia.

Mission: To raise public awareness, to provide advocacy and education, and to advance research on behalf of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Membership: Close to 30,000 members in the United States, Canada, and 63 other countries. Members include people who have food allergy, parents of children who have food allergies, school officials, and medical and food industry professionals.

FAAN Medical Advisory Board: Educational materials published by FAAN are reviewed for medical accuracy by FAAN's 14-member medical advisory board, comprised of the world's leaders in food allergy science and medicine.

Annual Programs: Food Allergy Awareness Week, Food Allergy conferences, Mariel C. Furlong Awards for Making a Difference, *Food Allergy News for Kids* Poster Contest, College Scholarship Essay Contest, Trick or Treat for Food Allergy, FAAN'S *Moving Toward A Cure* Walks, FAAN Kids' Congress on Capitol Hill.

International Partnership: The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Alliance (FAAA) was established in 1999 by FAAN to facilitate information-sharing among non-profit organizations working in the field of food allergy around the world. In addition to FAAN, FAAA includes representatives from Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

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