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The Mission is **Critical**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission: *cure leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families.* The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) was established in 1949 as the de Villiers Foundation, named in memory of Robert Roesler de Villiers, a young man who died of leukemia. LLS is focused on cures. While other large cancer organizations target their mission investment on prevention and early detection, LLS invests in cures because most blood cancers cannot be prevented or detected early.

The Facts

- *Every four minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer.*
- *Every 10 minutes another person loses their battle.*
- *Leukemia is the leading cause of cancer death of children and young adults under the age of 20.*
- *There are over one million Americans living with a blood cancer.*

Our Impact on the Community

Since the first funding began in 1954, LLS has invested more than \$1 billion in research aimed at helping all blood cancer patients live longer, healthy lives. We will continue to support research through our innovative and integrated funding programs, until every patient has a safe and effective therapy. In 2013 alone, LLS invested \$74 million in research projects.

Patient Financial Aid - LLS provides financial assistance to help patients cover some of the costs associated with transportation, prescription co-pays and treatments. In FY14, patients in the Palm Beach Area Chapter received over \$585,000 in patient financial aid and co-pay assistance.

Information Resource Center - The LLS Information Resource Center (IRC) provides patients, families and healthcare professionals with accurate, up-to-date information on leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Our information specialists, professional social workers and nurses, are available by phone, email or online.

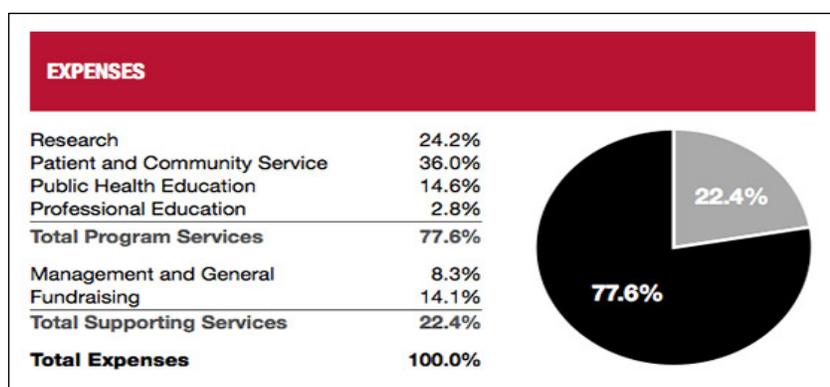
Patient Education & Support Programs - LLS is a beacon of help and guidance to all those touched by blood cancers. Our 59 chapters offer educational programs and support groups that are provided free of charge to help clarify treatment options and strengthen decision-making and coping skills for patients and their families.

First Connection - The First Connection program provides patients and their families a peer support program to share experiences with someone who has been successfully treated for the same diagnosis. Patients and caregivers learn coping skills and gain hope from trained volunteer survivors, who share their special perspective on the recovery process.

Research - The LLS grant program currently supports researchers in the U.S., Canada and nine other countries. LLS's grant program is one of the most prestigious in the fields of hematology and oncology.

Advocacy - The LLS advocacy program has a strong voice in Washington, DC, representing the healthcare and medical interests of patients and their families to policy makers at all levels of government.

Stewarding the funds - LLS has dedicated itself to being one of the top rated voluntary health agencies in terms of dollars that directly fund our mission. An estimated 78% of our funds are spent on research, patient services, advocacy, and education.



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