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our mission

Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Over its history, the Society has been the recognized leader in the fight against leukemia. Our name change to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in 2000 was simply perception catching up to reality. The Society's objective is to find cures for *all* blood cancers, and to be the leading resource for patients battling *all* of these cancers.

This year, the Society took the first step in making access to specific information and services simpler for patients with these cancers. We developed a color-coding system for the three main categories of blood cancers: Our new signature colors are **green** for leukemia, **gold** for lymphoma and **blue** for myeloma. Any information that is relevant to all the diseases is coded **burgundy**. All print materials prepared for patients during this year reflect the new system, making access to important information and resources more efficient. You'll also see our new colors in such e-newsletters as *LeukemiaLinks*, *LymphomaLinks* and *MyelomaLinks*.

The next step will be to extend the new system to other venues, including access to information on the Society's Web site.

This year's Annual Report displays the new colors with pride. They represent the ongoing efforts to constantly improve on the ways the Society serves and supports patients and those who love and care for them.

leadership message





We are fortunate to be able to report that fiscal year 2005 was a banner year for the Society in many ways. Let's start with revenue. The Society raised \$218.6 million through private donations, corporate gifts and our various fundraising campaigns - that's \$38 million more than we raised in fiscal 2004. Our already successful campaigns such as Team In Training® and Light The Night® Walk were even more productive in fiscal 2005 (for information on individual campaigns, please turn to pages 12 and 13 of this report). And our donor development initiatives have shown impressive growth - a 38 percent increase in revenue over last year, to more than \$25 million in fiscal 2005.

The big story of the year is not just our success as fundraisers, but also our success as prudent stewards. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has been steadfast in pursuing its mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. In fiscal 2005, we were able to strengthen our commitment, supporting four new Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) grants and renewing two others – for a total of six SCORs awarded in the fiscal year, a Society record. More money for the best research globally means more research successes; and more research successes mean greater hope for the hundreds of thousands of patients battling leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

Finally, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada became part of the Society effective July 1, 2004, and this year's annual report is the first to include our Canadian operations. We are pleased to be serving the needs of patients and families in Canada as well as in the United States.

Until the day comes when we can finally say we've defeated blood cancers, the Society will be here to help guide patients and their families on the cancer journey. In fiscal year 2005, the Society had 2.5 million contacts with patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals, through our Web site, Information Resource Center, education programs and chapter-based outreach.

Yes, we made great progress in advancing our mission in fiscal 2005, thanks to the dedicated volunteers, employees, donors and researchers who helped make the year so successful. We are looking forward to doing even more in fiscal 2006!

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2005 leukemia

research

In the fight against blood cancers, leukemia research has arguably led the way, with major innovations in the development and testing of targeted therapies in just the past five years. Gleevec," the first product of this research, was only the beginning. This Societyfunded breakthrough has led to additional studies that are further advancing treatment options for patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) and for those battling acute myelogenous leukemia (ALL and CLL). They include:

- The Society funded a new Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) grant, *Targeted Inhibition of Oligomeric Translocation Products in AML, CML and ALL*, led by John Bushweller, Ph.D., the University of Virginia. The five-year project will focus on new therapies for Gleevec-resistant CML patients and AML and ALL patients who do not respond to standard therapies. This SCOR expands on current knowledge about the specific genetic defects that create malignancies in blood cells that harbor them, and on the successful application of Gleevec to many patients with CML.
- Charles Sawyers, M.D., UCLA School of Medicine, presented findings at the 46th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) for a new agent, BMS-354825. In clinical trials of this agent, 86 percent of early-stage CML patients resistant

We're currently testing a new agent, BMS-354825, in clinical trials among CML patients resistant to Gleevec, and it shows tremendous promise for getting patients into complete hematological remission. Earlier Society-funded research we did on Gleevec resistance enabled us to get to this point.

Charles Sawyers, M.D., UCLA School of Medicine

to Gleevec experienced a complete hematological remission. Dr. Sawyers, a SCOR team leader, credited earlier Society-funded research on Gleevec resistance with his ability to move ahead with recent, highly successful clinical trials.

Varsha Gandhi, Ph.D., The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, received a Translational Research Program (TRP) grant from the Society for her work, DNA Independent Strategy to Target CLL. Many types of leukemia are caused by increased cell proliferation and are frequently treated with drugs that target DNA. In contrast, CLL expansion is more often associated with decreases in leukemic cell death. Dr. Gandhi's research focuses on a chemotherapeutic agent called chlorinated adenosine (8-CI-Ado), which has been shown to cause CLL cell death in laboratory models by decreasing energy stores and the production of new RNAs, both critical to cell survival. Dr. Gandhi will now study what happens when 8-CI-Ado is introduced into fresh peripheral, (circulatory) blood cells obtained from patients with CLL. The objective is to advance this agent to clinical trials.





hunter's story

On the Friday afternoon when the doctor announced that our 10-month-old son had leukemia, I was very frightened even though I wasn't 100 percent sure what leukemia was. It was a great reassurance when, by Monday afternoon, the Society had contacted our home and was helping us cope with the diagnosis. They followed up regularly and continued to supply information as my son's situation changed.

• Lori Ruderman, mother of 6-year-old Hunter, leukemia survivor.

patient services

In 2005, the Society offered new educational and support programs and services to meet the needs of patients battling AML, CML, ALL and CLL.

A small sample of new Society programs, services and materials follows:

- New Approaches to CLL: The Changing Treatment Landscape, featured world-renowned hematologist/ oncologist Michael Keating, M.D., The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. A better understanding of how leukemia cells work and grow has led to targeted therapies for individual patients, and more refined diagnostic tests have enabled doctors to devise smarter treatment strategies for all patients. In this program, Dr. Keating discussed the latest news about CLL, as well as clinical trials that might lead to even better treatments in the future.
- Medical Update on AML: New Treatments and Blood Stem Cell Transplantation, was jointly presented by the Society, the National Bone Marrow Donor Program and CancerCare. The program featured Selina Luger, M.D., University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center, who presented an overview of AML; and J. Douglas Rizzo, M.D., Medical College of Wisconsin, who discussed treatment options, including marrow and blood stem cell transplantation.
- CML: Ask the Expert, a telephone education program, featured Stephen D. Nimer, M.D., head of the Division of Hematologic-Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The entire one-hour session was devoted to Dr. Nimer fielding questions from the audience, a format of great value to participants.
- New Discoveries in CML: This teleconference featured two distinguished experts from M.D. Anderson: Francis J. Giles, M.B., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.Path, professor of medicine, Department of Leukemia; and Moshe Talpaz, M.D., professor of medicine, Department of Experimental Therapeutics. They discussed the latest information on CML therapies and the future direction of CML research, and they answered questions from the audience about CML clinical trials, newer treatments and other topics of interest.
- An updated booklet, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, provides information on this cancer, current treatments, new research directions and emotional aspects of managing the disease.

2005 lymphoma highlights

research

Below are just three examples of outstanding Society-sponsored lymphoma research, including laboratory studies, clinical trials and a collaborative Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) project, all of which will help advance the search for cures.

- A SCOR grant was awarded to Tak Mak, Ph.D., Advanced Medical Discovery Institute, University of Toronto, for a five-year project, Signaling Pathways in Lymphoma and Leukemogenesis. These collaborative studies will increase our understanding of lymphoma and leukemia processes and direct the development of new anti-cancer agents and clinical trials. Dr. Mak and his team will identify how genetic defects in blood stem cells cause the formation of rare cancer stem cells that expand to form lymphomas and leukemias.
- A Translational Research Program (TRP) grant to Alain Rook, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, was renewed this year for his ongoing investigation into promising new therapies for patients with T-cell malignancies. Dr. Rook and his team discovered that immune system cells in patients with extensive cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) were typically not producing a molecule called CD40L, rendering them unable to attack and kill lymphoma cells. In the laboratory, synthetic CD40L markedly improved immune cell anti-lymphoma activity. Dr. Rook's new study, CD40 Ligand Defect in Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma, will investigate the cellular and molecular reasons for the CD40L effect with a goal of administering the new drug in clinical trials to treat patients with advanced CTCL.
- Weiguo Zhang, Ph.D., Duke University Medical Center, received a Career Development Program (CDP) grant for a study titled Adaptor Proteins in Lymphocyte Activation. The research studies two molecules, LAT and LAB, found in certain immune cell (lymphocyte) membranes. These molecules were shown in previous studies to be essential for the lymphocyte activation and development that is needed for effective immune responses

against tumor cells. Ongoing studies in mice will determine how these proteins function in the immune system. Results will likely help in the development of a new class of molecularly targeted drugs for patients with lymphoma and leukemia.



Thanks to our Society SCOR grant, we're able to develop customized lymphoma vaccines that we hope will trigger an immune response specifically against an individual's tumor. This will make the first treatment the best treatment for that patient.

Ronald Levy, M.D., Stanford University School of Medicine

vaithee's story

The Society has helped us in so many ways – from financial support for expenses not covered by health insurance to tickets to baseball games to keep our spirits up. Through the First Connection program I was able to talk to someone who is living healthy and cancer free. That was a great morale booster in a dark time.

• Subramanian "Vaithee" Vaitheeswaran, non-Hodgkin lymphoma survivor.





patient services

A number of new educational and support programs were developed this year to answer the needs of patients battling Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

A small sample of new programs follows:

- Information for the Newly Diagnosed: A Patient's Guide is part of our ongoing program, Insights Into NHL, a year-long series of teleconferences and newsletters for non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) patients and families. This telephone education program featured Andrew Zelenetz, M.D., chief, Lymphoma Service, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Zelenetz explained the importance of diagnosing the sub-type of lymphoma and determining its location(s) in the body, stage of development and other factors to ensure the best treatment. Clinical trials also were discussed, and Dr. Zelenetz answered questions from the audience.
- Meet the Expert on Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma was updated this year and offered at chapters across the nation to share new information on NHL with patients at the community level. This informative program featured local lymphoma experts and cancer-care professionals.
- Emerging Therapies for Orphan Lymphomas: Cutaneous T-Cell, Peripheral T-Cell, Mantle Cell, Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue (MALT) and Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia, a teleconference, featured Francine Foss, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.P., associate professor of medicine, director, Lymphoma Service, Tufts New England Medical Center; David J. Inwards, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, practice chair, Hematology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine; and Morie A. Gertz, M.D., professor of medicine, division chair, Hematology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. These "orphan" lymphomas (meaning that they affect fewer people than the more common types of this cancer) were explained along with the latest treatment advances and clinical trials.

2005 myeloma highlights

research

Three new, Society-funded research programs are examples of current efforts in the search for improved therapies and cures.

- A Translational Research Program (TRP) grant was renewed this year for David Avigan, M.D., Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. In previous studies, whole myeloma tumor cells and normal immune cells, both taken from a patient, were fused, and these fused cells were used to stimulate (immune) T cells to recognize and kill myeloma cells from the same patient. In his new study, *Vaccination with Dendritic Cell Tumor Fusions in Conjunction with Stem Cell Transplantation as a Novel Immunotherapy for Multiple Myeloma*, Dr. Avigan will conduct clinical trials in which stem cell transplant patients with myeloma will be immunized with a customized fusion vaccine to determine whether these vaccines will improve chances for patient survival.
- Lawrence Lum, M.D., Roger Williams Medical Center, received a TRP grant for a project called *Circumventing Rituximab Resistance in Patients with B Cell Malignancies*. Dr. Lum will study the effects of a molecule he created, CD20Bi, on myeloma and lymphoma cells. The molecule links a drug used to fight these cancers, rituximab, with a patient's own T cells. Dr. Lum's new research will determine whether patients who are resistant to rituximab can benefit from multiple infusions of their own rituximab-armed immune cells, following chemotherapy and stem cell transplantation. If successful, this clinical study will improve survival and decrease relapse rates for myeloma and lymphoma patients.

Our Translational Research Program grant from the Society is helping us conduct clinical trials of patients with B cell malignancies who are resistant to rituximab. If we're successful, we'll be able to arm patients' T killer cells with the targeting antibodies and improve their survival and decrease relapse.

Lawrence Lum, M.D., Roger Williams Medical Center

Jing Chen, Ph.D., Emory University, received a Career Development Program grant for *Molecular Therapeutic Strategies in Multiple Myeloma: Targeting FGFR3.* This study is likely to provide information about the role of the protein FGFR3 in causing multiple myeloma. The research may also provide new strategies to improve treatment outcomes, since about 15 percent of myeloma patients have a genetic abnormality that causes inappropriate FGFR3 expression.





patient services

The Society provided several new myeloma resources this year. These are just a few of the Society's programs and services for myeloma patients, their families and caregivers:

- The Latest News About Myeloma featured renowned hematologist Seema Singhal, M.D., director, Multiple Myeloma Program, Northwestern University Medical School/Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. She shared her optimism about the future of treatment for this cancer and provided updates on new therapies and combination treatments, clinical trials, genetic testing and other factors that are dramatically changing the landscape for myeloma patients.
- Exploring Myeloma was launched to provide patients with a new educational resource. Led by local blood cancer experts, Exploring Myeloma presents a thorough overview of the cancer in an easy-to-follow, one session, classroom format. The program, piloted this year in seven Society chapters, includes a one-hour slide presentation, followed by an hour-long Q&A with the experts. Exploring Myeloma also examines the emotional and social aspects of a myeloma diagnosis. It is being offered at all Society chapters in 2006.
- Two new educational booklets were created this year: *Myeloma* provides a comprehensive overview of the cancer, with segments on the disease, how it's detected, treatment options and what the future for this disease may hold, based on today's research. Social and emotional aspects are also explored. *Myeloma: A Guide for Patients and their Families* gives information on how to help manage this cancer from diagnosis through treatment.

judy's story

I began suffering from health issues in 1999, but it took two years of specialists and complicated tests to come up with the devastating diagnosis: multiple myeloma. Thankfully, the Society was there, helping me make informed decisions about my care and making it easier for me to explain myeloma to my concerned friends and family.

• Judy Dixon, myeloma survivor

2005 blood cancer highlights

research

In addition to funding research focused on specific blood cancers, the Society invests in research that holds promise for finding cures and improved therapies across the entire blood cancer spectrum. The following are examples of important studies:

- Jose Villadangos, Ph.D., Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, received a Career Development Program (CDP) grant to study the Control of Antigen Presentation, Cross-Presentation and Migration in *Dendritic Cells.* He is studying one way in which our immune system can fight cancer. This involves anti-cancer "killer" T cells that are recruited by other immune system cells known as dendritic cells (DC). These cells take parts of cancer cells, break them into smaller pieces and display these pieces to the killer cells, which recognize them. The killer cells then seek and destroy other, related cancer cells. However, cancer cells sometimes avoid detection by dendritic cells, and then a tumor can expand. To get around this limitation, Dr. Villadangos will obtain dendritic cells from patients and put them in the test tube with cancer cell pieces to generate "DC vaccines." The vaccines can then be re-introduced to patients to activate anti-cancer killer cells. He will learn how the dendritic cells obtain the cancer cell pieces, process them and display them on their surfaces. This knowledge is likely to improve methods for generating DC vaccines that will have broad applications in anti-cancer therapies.
- David Scadden, M.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, received a Translational Research Program grant for the study Therapeutic Manipulation of the Stem Cell Niche. Hematopoietic stem cells are the cells from which all normal red and white blood cells derive, and adult stem cell transplantation is an important therapy for individuals with advanced leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma. Unfortunately, transplant success depends in part on the number of stem cells that can be recovered from donors, and blood stem cells are rare. Dr. Scadden has discovered a drug, parathyroid hormone (PTH), that might increase pre-transplant

stem cell harvests. Dr. Scadden and his colleagues will test the effect of PTH on the number of adult blood stem cells in a mouse transplant model and in human patients. If PTH treatment increases the stem cell recovery rate, it could be used to improve the successful application of stem cell transplants for hematologic malignancies.

David Weinstock, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, received a CDP grant to study the chromosomal breakage and exchange that results in an abnormality called a "translocation," commonly found in various types of blood cancers. The Chromosomal Translocations after RAG-Mediated DNA Double Strand Breaks project is aimed at understanding how chromosome breaks occur and how normal cells repair them. Using a novel system they have developed, Dr. Weinstock and his group will determine which proteins prevent and which ones facilitate translocation formation. In addition, they will study how chemotherapies for various human cancers can promote translocation formation, producing secondary blood cancers. The ultimate goal of this project is to be able to prevent chromosome translocations and block blood cancer formation.

patient services

In addition to disease-specific information and services, the Society provides resources of relevance and interest to all blood cancer patients. This is a small sample of programs and materials made available this year:

Breaking Through the Age Barrier: Getting the Best Cancer Treatment, is a series of chapter-based educational workshops launched this year. More than half of all cancers occur in people older than 65, and these patients may need special attention when it comes to cancer treatment. The program helps deter the outdated notion that people in this age group are "too old" to benefit from therapies that are standard for younger segments of the population. The workshops familiarize older blood cancer patients and their caregivers with information on treatments



The Society's free information programs and services for blood cancer patients, their families and caregivers are accessible in a variety of user-friendly venues:

- Call (800) 955-4572 or email (infocenter@LLS.org) an information specialist at our Information Resource Center
- Visit our Web site at www.LLS.org
- Learn the latest about any of the blood cancers through our online education workshops and teleconferences, archived on our Web site
- Visit or contact any of our 66 chapters in the United States and Canada, providing information and support services at the community level

to help them communicate more effectively with healthcare professionals. The Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment, a checklist to help oncologists evaluate older patients' capacity to undergo treatment and side effects, was introduced as part of this program.

- Also published this year is A Toolkit for Older Adults with Cancer and Their Caregivers, which includes booklets on choosing a healthcare team, understanding treatment options, clinical trials and financial matters; and a guide to help caregivers understand the ins and outs of their important role.
- Cognitive and Late Effects Related to Childhood *Cancer* is a teleconference education program featuring Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D., University of Miami School of Medicine. In this program, Dr. Armstrong discusses new research on the potential long-term effects of cancer treatment on a child's ability to learn and, eventually, to work and participate in social relationships. The potential effects of chemotherapy and radiation therapy were discussed, along with some of the educational and pharmaceutical measures being used to address cognitive problems that can result from cancer treatment. The special needs of these children with respect to individualized education plans were also addressed.

advocacy

Advocates for blood cancer patients faced many legislative challenges in 2005, but the Society was ready, scoring some notable successes for cancer research and education.

Our advocacy efforts strengthened in March during the annual Mission Day in Washington, D.C. More than 250 Society supporters lobbied legislators to increase funding for various medical programs important to cancer patients.

Their efforts paid off. Despite significant federal budget cuts, the Society was able to secure an additional \$5 million for blood cancer research at the U.S. Department of Defense, and an additional \$5 million for blood cancer education provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

2005 fundraising highlights

light the night

Light The Night Walk continued its impressive growth as a leading national charity walk. Launched in 1998, Light The Night is held every fall in communities across the United States and Canada, celebrating and commemorating lives touched by cancer. In fiscal year 2005, nearly 175,000 people participated — the most ever — raising \$25 million to help advance the Society's mission — a 36 percent increase over the previous year. The Society also welcomed Ray Evernham, NASCAR great and long-time Society friend, as national Light The Night chairperson. Evernham's popularity and prestige in the sport helped promote Light The Night to the huge NASCAR audience.

team in training

Team In Training (TNT), the world's largest endurance sports training program, enjoyed its best year ever. More than 35,000 purple-clad TNT runners, walkers, cyclists and triathletes participated in over 60 events around the country, raising nearly \$98 million to help advance the Society's mission. A milestone was reached last October when 9,000 runners and walkers raised \$10 million at The Nike 26.2, A Marathon for Women to Benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The inaugural event, since renamed the Nike Women's Marathon, achieved two important "firsts": the first marathon dedicated to a single charity and the first marathon in which all participants had the opportunity to raise funds to help the Society find cures for cancer.

school and youth

School & Youth[™] Programs offer children hands-on experiences that cultivate caring, respect and the value of helping others while raising much-needed funds to help advance our mission. In 2005, 18 percent of all schools nationwide (kindergarten through 12th grade) – the most ever – signed up to participate in School & Youth's Pennies for Patients[®] Pasta for Patients and HOP for Leukemia & Lymphoma[™] Soccer Kicks for Cancer[™] the newest School & Youth addition, geared toward young soccer players, continued its national expansion.





donor development

The Society's dynamic research programs depend on the contributions of generous donors. Fiscal year 2005 was no exception. Donor development revenue increased to more than \$25 million a 38 percent increase in a single year. The gifts contributed to funding such Society research initiatives as the Specialized Center of Research, Translational Research Program and Career Development grants, as well as chapter and Home Office-based patient service programs.

research grants*

Specialized Center of Research

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Brian J. Druker, MD • 2006 ⁷ Howard Hughes Medical Institute Oregon Health & Science University Cancer Institute

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Ronald Levy, MD • 2006 Stanford University School of Medicine

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Career Development Program: Scholars

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Career Development Program: Scholars in Clinical Research

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independent auditors' report

The Board of Directors The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. (the Society) as of June 30, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Society's 2004 consolidated financial statements and, in our report dated October 1, 2004, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

KPMG LLP

September 30, 2005 New York, NY

consolidated statement of financial position

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. June 30, 2005 (with comparative amounts at June 30, 2004) (in thousands)

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,116	\$ 22,703
Accounts receivable	672	555
Legacies and contributions receivable (note 2)	5,026	5,347
Prepaid expenses	4,246	4,024
Investments, at fair value (note 3)	131,770	83,653
Fixed assets, less accumulated depreciation		
and amortization of \$7,594 and \$6,289	4,098	3,624
Total assets	\$ 151,928	\$ 119,906
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 17,667	\$ 13,039
Deferred revenue	10,755	6,795
Grants payable (note 4)	56,774	46,613
Total liabilities	85,196	66,447
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	59,574	46,674
Temporarily restricted (note 7)	4,495	4,465
Permanently restricted (note 7)	2,663	2,320
Total net assets	66,732	53,459
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 151,928</u>	\$ 119,906

consolidated statement of activities

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. Year ended June 30, 2005 (with summarized totals for the year ended June 30, 2004) (in thousands)

			Temporarily		Permanently	 Tot	tal	
		Unrestricted	 Restricted		Restricted	 2005		2004
Revenue								
Campaign contributions	\$	225,380	\$ 10,782	\$	-	\$ 236,162	\$	201,104
Less direct donor benefit costs		(32,620)	 			 (32,620)		(28,394)
Net campaign contributions		192,760	10,782		-	203,542		172,710
Legacies		4,599	72		89	4,760		2,462
Donated services (note 1)		4,205	-		-	4,205		-
Net interest and dividend income (note 3)		2,632	65		-	2,697		841
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	S	2,711	(18)		15	2,708		3,256
Grant refunds		653	-		-	653		881
Net assets released from restrictions		10,999	 (10,999)			 		
Total revenue		218,559	 (98)		104	 218,565		180,150
Expenses (note 8)								
Program Services:								
Research		54,037	_		_	54,037		42,899
Patient and community service		58,821	_		_	58,821		46,603
Public health education		32,598	_		_	32,598		28,540
Professional education		9,846	-		_	9,846		9,071
Total program services		155,302	 _	_	_	 155,302		127,113
Supporting Services:								
Management and general		16,225	_		_	16,225		14,048
Fund raising		35,161	_		_	35,161		30,508
Total supporting services		51,386	 	_	_	 51,386		44,556
Total expenses		206,688	 			 206,688		171,669
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses		11,871	(98)		104	11,877		8,481
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada								
("LLSC") net assets as of July 1, 2004 (note 1)		1,029	 128		239	 1,396		
Change in net assets		12,900	30		343	13,273		8,481
Net Assets								
Beginning of year		46,674	 4,465		2,320	 53,459		44,978
End of year	\$	59,574	\$ 4,495	\$	2,663	\$ 66,732	\$	53,459

consolidated statement of cash flows

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. Year ended June 30, 2005 (with comparative amounts for the year ended June 30, 2004) (in thousands)

	2005		2004		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Change in net assets	\$	13,273	\$	8,481	
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to					
net cash provided by operating activities:					
Net assets of LLSC at merger		(1,396)		-	
Net increase in fair value of investments		(2,708)		(3,256)	
Permanently restricted revenue collected		(89)		(928)	
Depreciation and amortization		1,186		1,209	
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Increase in accounts receivable		(78)		(173)	
Decrease in legacies and contributions receivable		321		1,726	
Increase in prepaid expenses		(197)		(587)	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses		4,520		(251)	
Increase in deferred revenue		3,848		1,504	
Increase in grants payable		9,325		2,911	
Net cash provided by operating activities		28,005		10,636	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchases of fixed asstes		(1,244)		(937)	
Purchases of investments		(202,996)		(70,733)	
Sales of investments		158,310		51,115	
Net cash used in investing activities		(45,930)		(20,555)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
-		1 240			
LLSC cash at merger Permanently restricted revenue collected		1,249 89		928	
-					
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,338		928	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(16,587)		(8,991)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		22,703		31,694	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	6,116	\$	22,703	

consolidated statement of functional expenses

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. Year ended June 30, 2005 (with comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2004) (in thousands)

	Program Services			S	upporting Servi	ces			Direct donor			
		Patient and community	Public health	Professional	Professional		Fund		То	tal		
	Research	service	education	education	Total	and general	raising	Total	2005	2004	2005	2004
Awards and grants	\$51,310	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$51,310	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$51,310	\$41,084	\$ -	\$ -
Financial aid to patients	-	4,505	-	-	4,505	-	-	-	4,505	4,020	-	_
Donated services	533	3,672	-	-	4,205	-	-	-	4,205	-	-	_
Salaries	557	23,277	10,749	4,396	38,979	5,964	7,881	13,845	52,824	43,612	-	-
Employee benefits and taxes (note 5)	99	4,903	2,660	1,057	8,719	1,345	2,132	3,477	12,196	10,583	-	-
Occupancy	22	2,684	1,524	638	4,868	793	1,117	1,910	6,778	6,423	-	_
Insurance	10	243	167	52	472	73	162	235	707	650	-	-
Telephone	17	1,059	745	167	1,988	232	1,144	1,376	3,364	3,079	-	-
Travel	26	1,052	574	243	1,895	332	413	745	2,640	2,100	11,760	10,859
Printing and supplies	196	4,345	5,835	877	11,253	2,523	7,704	10,227	21,480	20,428	5,758	5,070
Equipment rentals and maintenance	: 14	811	474	188	1,487	239	387	626	2,113	1,841	-	_
Postage and shipping	75	2,336	3,756	541	6,708	1,218	5,578	6,796	13,504	11,993	-	-
Meetings	591	1,762	852	323	3,528	408	531	939	4,467	3,492	7,331	5,906
Professional fees	560	7,316	4,750	1,166	13,792	2,798	7,683	10,481	24,273	19,978	3,608	2,945
Miscellaneous	12	441	234	107	794	174	168	342	1,136	1,177	4,163	3,614
Depreciation and amortization	15	415	278	91	799	126	261	387	1,186	1,209		
Total expenses	\$ 54,037	\$ 58,821	\$ 32,598	\$ 9,846	\$155,302	\$ 16,225	\$ 35,161	\$ 51,386	\$206,688	\$171,669	\$ 32,620	\$ 28,394

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



Research	34.8%
Patient and Community Serv	vice 37.9%
Public Health and Profession	nal Education 27.3%



notes to consolidated financial statements

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. Year ended June 30, 2005 (with comparative amounts as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004)

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. (the "Society") is an international not-for-profit health agency dedicated to seeking the cause and cure of leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improving the quality of life of patients and their families. The Society's principal activities include: awarding research grants; facilitating psychosocial support groups; providing financial aid to patients; answering phone requests for bloodrelated cancer information made to the Society's Information Resource Center; and disseminating educational information about blood-related cancers in the form of publications, internet sites, conference calls and symposia sponsorship for both the medical community and the general public.

The Society entered into a merger agreement with Leukemia Research Fund of Canada ("LRFC"), effective July 1, 2004, under which the Society has approval rights over all LRFC resolutions. As part of this agreement, the name of LRFC was changed to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, Inc. ("LLSC"). The merger was accounted for in accordance with purchase method concepts whereby a contribution of LLSC's net assets (at fair value) was recorded by the Society.

Tax-Exempt Status

The Society qualifies as a charitable organization as defined by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and, accordingly, is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(a). Additionally, since the Society is publiclysupported, contributions to the Society qualify for the maximum charitable contribution deduction under the Internal Revenue Code.

LLSC is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is therefore not subject to income taxes if certain disbursement requirements are met.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Society, which encompasses the Home Office of the Society and its sixty three chapters, LLSC, and the Society's not-for-profit affiliates, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Research Programs, Inc. and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Research Foundation. All significant inter-company and intra-Society accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Net Asset Classifications

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Society, funds that have similar characteristics have been classified into three net asset categories as follows:

Unrestricted net assets: Consist of funds that are fully available, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, for the Society to utilize in any of its programs or supporting services.

Temporarily restricted net assets: Consist of funds that are restricted by donors for a specific time period or purpose, as well as amounts relating to term endowment or deferred giving arrangements in which the funds must be maintained intact over the lifetimes of the donors.

Permanently restricted net assets: Consist of funds that contain donor-imposed restrictions requiring that the principal be invested in perpetuity and that only the income be used. Income earned on these funds may be unrestricted or temporarily restricted, depending upon the donor-imposed restrictions.

Contributions and Deferred Revenue

Contributions are recorded as revenue, at their fair value, when received or promised unconditionally. Contributions received with donor restrictions that limit their use are reported as either temporarily or permanently restricted revenue. When a donor restriction is met through the passage of time or fulfillment of a purpose restriction, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Conditional contributions are recognized as revenue when the conditions have been substantially met.

Deferred revenue includes amounts received for special events that will be held subsequent to the fiscal year-end.

Donated Services

In 2005, the Society determined that certain of the donated services it received met the criteria for recognition in the financial statements. Specifically, the donated services of family support group facilitators and research grant reviewers have been valued and are reported as both revenue and expense in 2005. Since there is no impact on the reported change in net assets, the Society has not retroactively recorded these donated services in 2004. Society management believes the value of donated services in 2004 was comparable to that in 2005.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less from date of purchase, except for amounts held for long-term purposes reported as investments.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets, which consist principally of equipment and leasehold improvements, are recorded at cost, if purchased, or at fair value at date of donation, if contributed, and are depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or the terms of the leases, if shorter.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the Society's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Summarized Financial Information

The financial statements are presented with 2004 summarized or comparative information. With respect to the statement of activities, such prior year information is not presented by net assets class and, in the statement of functional expenses, 2004 expenses by object are presented in total rather than by functional category. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Society's 2004 consolidated financial statements from which the summarized information was derived.

notes to consolidated financial statements

2. Legacies and Contributions Receivable

The Society's legacies and contributions receivable at June 30, 2005 and 2004 consist of unconditional promises to give and legacies for which the underlying wills have been declared valid by the probate court and no other conditions are required to be met. Amounts are scheduled to be received as follows (in thousands):

2005	2004
\$ 4,795	\$ 5,020
256	351
5,051	5,371
(25)	(24)
\$ 5,026	\$ 5,347
	\$ 4,795 256 5,051 (25)

3. Investments

The following is a summary of investments at June 30, 2005 and 2004 (in thousands):

	20	005	20	004		
	Cost or Donated Value	Fair Value	Cost or Donated Value	Fair Value		
Money market funds	\$48,876	\$48,876	\$24,874	\$24,874		
Corporate notes and bonds	19,421	19,466	12,999	13,027		
Common stocks and mutual funds	28,251	30,779	26,853	28,310		
U.S. Government obligations	27,605	27,698	17,383	17,384		
Other	4,771	4,951	58	58		
Total	\$128,924	\$131,770	\$ 82,167	\$ 83,653		

Debt and equity securities are recorded at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. Mutual funds are recorded at fair value using published unit values. Investment expenses of \$284,000 and \$281,000 have been netted against interest and dividend income for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

4. Awards and Grants

Awards and grants for research are recognized as expense in the year approved by the Society's Board of Directors. Multi-year grants, which are generally two to five years in length, are approved on an annual basis and may be terminated at the discretion of the Society's Board of Directors. In addition to unconditional grants payable of \$56,774,000 at June 30, 2005, the Society has grant commitments of \$90,345,000 that are conditioned upon future events and, accordingly, are not recorded.

5. Pension Plan

The Society has a noncontributory, defined contribution 403(b) pension plan covering all employees meeting age and service requirements. Contributions are based on a percentage of each eligible employee's salary and years of service. Expense under this plan aggregated \$2,327,000 and \$2,194,000 for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

6. Lease Commitments

The leases for premises which the Society's Home Office and chapters occupy expire on various dates through December 31, 2012 and provide for certain payments subject to escalation and periodic rate increases relating to real estate taxes, operating expenses and utilities.

The approximate minimum future annual rental commitments are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Year ended June 30:	
2006	\$ 6,146
2007	5,722
2008	5,122
2009	4,427
2010	4,527
Thereafter	1,535
Total	\$27,479

7. Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets and the income earned on permanently restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at June 30, 2005 and 2004 in thousands):

	2005					2004				
	Temporarily Restricted		1 V			manently estricted		nporarily estricted		manently stricted
Research program	\$	2,810	\$	2,616	\$	3,578	\$	2,273		
Patient service and bone marrow donor programs		255		_		215		_		
Professional education program		24		47		23		47		
Other programs		1,406				649		_		
Total	\$	4,495	\$	2,663	\$	4,465	\$	2,320		

8. Joint Costs Allocation

In 2005 and 2004, the Society incurred joint costs for informational materials and activities that included fund raising appeals as follows (in thousands):

	2005	2004
Fund raising	\$14,166	\$ 12,225
Patient and community service	1,612	1,446
Public health education	8,616	7,675
Total	\$24,394	\$21,346

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