

2017 Annual Report

Leading the Way to Cancer Cures

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President & Chairman's Message

Thanks to your support, 2017 was a tremendous year for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's lifesaving mission and the patients and families we serve. You help fund research to find the next breakthrough therapy, you provide information and support to patients, and you make sure patients have access to lifesaving treatments.

Extraordinary progress is bringing us closer to cures. You make that possible.

Gratefully,

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Louis J. DeGennaro, Ph.D. President & Chief Executive Officer





Peter Brock Chairman of the Board



OUR MISSION

At LLS, our mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Compared to any other blood cancer nonprofit, LLS is the largest funder of cutting-edge research to advance cures.



Dr. Gwen Nichols Chief Medical Officer, LLS



Volunteers

OUR PARTNERS IN THE CRUSADE TO END CANCER

This year, LLS volunteers made a significant impact while selflessly dedicating their time and talent to achieve our mission. With countless ways to engage, from fundraising to providing patient support, our volunteers are changing the landscape of cancer.

Campaign Volunteers

With five signature fundraising campaigns, our volunteers can run, hike, walk, sail, build teams and gain lifelong learning skills while raising funds to drive forward our mission to end blood cancers.

MORE THAN 650,000

Team In Training teammates ran, hiked, cycled and climbed while raising funds since it began 30 years ago.

One million

friends, families and co-workers gather together carrying illuminated lanterns in 150 inspirational Light The Night evening events, helping bring light to the darkness of cancer.

MORE THAN **27,000**

schools participate in Student Series, a set of science-based philanthropy programs run by volunteers helping to fight blood cancer.

900

candidates across the country competed to win the title of Man & Woman of the Year by raising funds in honor of local blood cancer survivors.

MORE THAN **400**

motivated high school students across the country joined Students of the Year in its inaugural year.

more than **11,000**

sailors, friends and sponsors set sail to raise money to cure cancer at Leukemia Cup Regatta events since it began 30 years ago.

Mission Volunteers

In communities across the country, volunteers provide support directly to blood cancer patients and caregivers, and advocate for legislation to improve access to care.

more than **100,000**

volunteer advocates are effecting change by advocating for policy at the state and federal level.

NEARLY

8,000

volunteers across the nation provide direct support to patients and families in their communities.

Leadership Volunteers

We have the unwavering support of hundreds of top leaders across the country, helping us fulfill our mission to find cancer cures.

26

leaders serve on our National Board of Directors, providing leadership and governance to help find blood cancer cures.

MORE THAN

800

leaders serve on Boards of Trustees for our local chapters providing thought leadership and fundraising support.

16

of the best scientific and medical minds serve on our Medical Scientific Affairs Committee to review grant applications and select the most promising research for funding.

21

professional volunteer clinical advisors review materials to ensure the blood cancer information we share is accurate and up-to-date.

Community Volunteers

With 56 chapters across the country, there are many opportunities for volunteers to lend their time and talent in their own community, as well as in our national office.

Countless

volunteers helped prepare, staff and support our chapters and national office leading up to and on the day of events.

Numerous

skill-based volunteers lend their talent with anything from administrative responsibilities, high-level projects to raising awareness.



As there are no means of preventing blood cancers, the LLS research agenda is focused on finding treatments and cures. In fact, we have invested more than \$1.2 billion in research since our inception 68 years ago. For every victory in blood cancer, challenges remain. That is why LLS remains steadfast in our commitment to advance the most promising research around the world and drive forward innovative therapies that improve and save the lives of patients.

Advancing the Most Promising Science



Since 1949, LLS has supported the work of remarkable scientists leading to breakthrough advances in blood cancer treatments. To date, **LLS has invested more than \$1.2 billion in cutting-edge blood cancer research**, funding nearly all of today's most promising treatments, and bringing us closer to cures.

This year, LLS dedicated \$42 million to support scientific grants, including 83 new grants awarded in 2017 alone to researchers across 8 countries, making us the largest nonprofit funder of blood cancer research. Most of these grants are supporting research projects over multiple years. LLS supports the full spectrum of research from bench to bedside – that is, from basic, laboratory-based research to large-scale clinical trials. In 2017, we supported a total of 227 research grants, a \$211 million multi-year commitment.

Through our Therapy Acceleration Program[®] (TAP), we partner directly with biotechnology companies and renowned academic centers to help accelerate the development of promising therapies. This year, \$4.7 million of our 2017 research budget was invested in our TAP program. TAP is currently supporting 19 partnerships.

Through these investments, we accelerate science in order to improve the lives of those impacted by blood cancers. While significant progress has been made, much work remains. There is an urgent need for new treatments and every hour spent conducting research is a step closer to finding cures.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: SANDY ALLEN-BARD

Fighting blood cancer is a cause that has always been close to my heart. I lost my grandfather to acute myeloid leukemia in 1971. Today, I work as a nurse practitioner focused on leukemia at the Weill Cornell Medical College/New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Since 2003, I have volunteered for LLS in many ways. I first signed up for Team In Training (TNT) in support of the patients I treat. I am now a TNT coach and I've completed 30 marathons and three 50-mile races. My greatest accomplishment is raising more than \$260,000 over multiple campaigns, which funded research at Weill Cornell Medical College and research dedicated to AML.

I've also volunteered for LLS's patient outreach efforts. I started a patient support group at Weill Cornell Medical College, and I have given many lecture series. I was active in the LLS Community Service Committee programs, and I was team captain for Light The Night. I will continue to volunteer for LLS until we find a cure.



New Lifesaving Therapies



Our sustained research investment is helping save and improve the lives of patients. This year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved 18 treatment options for patients who urgently need them. What's more, LLS played a role in virtually all of these advancements.

A Breakthrough in Cancer: CAR T-Cell Immunotherapy

This year we witnessed a historic victory for cancer patients when a revolutionary, innovative immunotherapy was approved, ushering in a new era in the treatment of cancer and other serious and life-threatening diseases.

The FDA approved the first CAR T-cell immunotherapy, a treatment in which a patient's T-cells, the soldiers of the immune system, are genetically reprogrammed to find and kill cancer cells. LLS recognized the early promise of this approach. Over the past two decades, LLS provided \$40 million in funding for more than 15 researchers and companies around the world to develop this revolutionary approach to treating cancer.

LLS's long term investment paid off when two CAR T-cell immunotherapies were approved by the FDA this year:

- **Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah**[™]) was the first CAR T-cell immunotherapy approved for children and young adults up to 25 years of age who relapsed or did not respond to therapy for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).
- Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta[™]) was approved for adult patients with certain types of large B-cell lymphoma who have not responded to or who have relapsed after at least two other kinds of treatment.

This is an extremely promising development for patients who have otherwise run out of treatment options. It has also dramatically stimulated research and clinical development exploring the use of CAR-T for solid tumors.



CAR T-Cell Immunotherapy TURNING THE BODY INTO A CANCER FIGHTER.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



KIM SCHUETZ

My work with LLS began when I was an oncology nurse, and our inpatient unit put together a team for Light The Night (LTN). It was a great way to support my patients and get involved in our new community after moving.

Then, in 2011, the unthinkable happened. My two-year-old son, Austin, was diagnosed with leukemia. It hit us like a ton of bricks. I had been taking care of others with cancer, but never imagined that I'd have to do the same for my son. My mission became to educate others about blood cancers and to raise funds.

Because of breakthrough research funded by LLS, my son is here today. After we ran out of treatment options when he was five years old, we enrolled him in a clinical trial for CAR T-cell

immunotherapy. A therapy LLS has funded for two decades. Today, he is cancer free.

Our family volunteers with LLS in many ways – we started Team Austin's Courage for LTN and I participated in Man & Woman of the Year (MWOY). During my 2014 MWOY campaign, I was able to raise the most funds in 10 weeks while we were traveling back and forth to Philadelphia here Austin was being treated. Winning Woman of the Year was one of my greatest moments, and I'm proud that I could do this in honor of Austin.



JOHN KELLENYI A tribute by his daughter, Cristina Kellenyi

My dad, one of LLS's most dedicated volunteers, lost his battle to cancer this July. My dad ran a total of 40 marathons in his

lifetime. In 1999, he began volunteering for LLS and ran several Team In Training marathons and half marathons. He even learned to swim in order to participate in his first Ironman.

His physical efforts were matched by his fundraising efforts. Prior to becoming so passionately committed to LLS, he was a successful hedge fund manager and research analyst on Wall Street. He applied much of the same acumen he used during his career in finance to his involvement with the local New Jersey chapter. He served as chapter president and as a long-time board member.

My dad also served as National Vice-Chairman for LLS's Beat AML Master Clinical Trial. In addition to his huge efforts for Beat AML toward the end of his life, my father was also heavily involved in fundraising for the first significant advance in AML treatment in 40 years, in addition to many other contributions.

My dad was highly recognized by LLS, receiving the prestigious Spiral of Life award in his final days. He continues to inspire so many people by his determination, heartfelt energy, humility, generosity, selflessness, and hard fought achievements. My dad is greatly missed by LLS and the family that he loves so much.

Beat AML® Master Clinical Trial

Going on the Offensive Against Acute Myeloid Leukemia



LLS is leading the offensive against acute myeloid leukemia, one of the most deadly blood cancers that has seen little change in the standard of care in 40 years and impacts 21,000 Americans annually. LLS is taking a multi-faceted approach with a paradigm-shifting clinical trial as its centerpiece. The Beat AML® Master Clinical Trial builds upon an earlier genetic study commenced in 2013 to better understand the underlying drivers of the disease.

In October 2016, LLS launched an innovative precision medicine Beat AML® Master Clinical Trial to test targeted therapies for acute myeloid leukemia (AML). The unprecedented collaboration includes multiple leading cancer centers and pharmaceutical companies, a clinical research organization, and a genomics analysis company. The protocol for the trial was developed with input from the FDA, which is eager to see new models for cancer clinical trials.

AML is extremely complicated to treat because it is not a single disease, but a group of more than 10 different major subtypes and other rare mutations. With advances in genomics, we can now identify and target specific types of AML. This precision medicine approach is the key to new therapies for patients.

The trial employs advanced genomic technology to identify each patient's individual cancer-driving genetic mutations, and then matches that patient to the most promising, targeted treatment.

"It's the ultimate precision medicine – matching a specific targeted therapy to the specifics of a person's individual leukemia," says one of the trial's co-lead investigators, Ross Levine, MD, of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

LLS is the first nonprofit health organization to sponsor a cancer clinical trial. To date, LLS's trial has exceeded all milestones.

"LLS is the absolute right organization to lead the Beat AML effort because LLS is all about patients," says co-lead investigator John Byrd, MD, of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. "LLS is best positioned to bring this group together toward a common goal."





Patient Education & Support

As the leading source of free blood cancer information, education and support for patients, survivors, families and healthcare professionals, LLS helps patients navigate their cancer treatments and ensures they have access to quality, affordable and coordinated care. Research will help us achieve an end to blood cancers. In the meantime, patients need help before, during and after their diagnosis and treatment. LLS is the leading nonprofit that does just that.

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- **Responded to nearly 18,000 inquiries** to LLS's Information Specialists from people seeking support, information, and resources.
- Provided \$72.97 million in co-pay financial assistance supporting 31,026 patients.
- Provided 339 patients with in-depth clinical trial navigation and support through LLS's Clinical Trial Support Center.
- Distributed more than 700,000 educational booklets and fact sheets about specific diseases.
- Educated 10,000 patients, caregivers, health care professionals and others through live web-based and local in-person programs.
- Reached nearly 6,000 patients and caregivers through LLS Community, an online social network that provides education and support.
- Developed an innovative partnership with Walgreens to enhance support to blood cancer patients and implement a novel pharmacist education and training program.

Reaching patients in their communities

As a community-based voluntary health organization, we have regional and local chapters throughout the United States and Canada so that we can support blood cancer patients in every community. This year through our community-based programs we:

- Connected 1,100 volunteers with patients and caregivers diagnosed with the same disease through LLS's Patti Robinson Kaufmann First Connection Program.
- Facilitated 135 support groups in local communities led by nurses and social workers.
- **Convened 10 regional Blood Cancer Conferences** with nearly 3,500 patients in attendance.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



GARY THOMPSON

A six-year-old boy named Kethan, who was battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia while my wife battled breast cancer, changed me forever. In 2008, I had been named the first Man of the Year in Austin, Texas. But, my wife and Kethan inspired me to do more. I dusted off my bike and did my first Team in Training ride around Lake Tahoe in 2010.

I participated in that ride for seven more years – only three of which Kethan was alive for. He passed away in summer of 2013, and my wife passed away in fall of 2014. Until my last breath, I promised would do everything I could to fight cancer.

From chairing the Board of Trustees in Austin, serving as a member of the National Board, and chairing LLS's inaugural

corporate partnership council, I have been privileged to raise funds and awareness for LLS.

My proudest moment was when LLS and Walgreens announced their collaboration to provide patients and their caregivers with access to up-to-date information to best manage their disease. After making an introduction to Walgreens' then CEO, I worked with my staff partner at LLS for almost two years to bring this collaboration to life.

Through my work with LLS, I have been able to raise awareness and funds, and change the lives of patients. LLS has empowered me to magnify my voice in the fight against cancer.



NANCY H. LAMANNO

In June 2015, I lost my husband Barry to acute myeloid leukemia. He had battled the disease for 18 months, including undergoing a stem cell transplant. When he was diagnosed in December of 2013, the first thing I did was to search online for AML and I found the LLS website and read every word available.

Despite facing a deadly disease and eventually losing the battle, the support we received throughout my husband's treatment made it a surprisingly positive experience. I sold my business during this time and once my full-time job as a caregiver was over, I wanted to take all that knowledge that I had gained and use it for good.

Three times a week I speak with patients and their families about LLS and the wonderful programs and educational information

available to them as a Patient and Family Outreach Coordinator for the Georgia Chapter. Families facing a blood cancer diagnosis love to hear that LLS offers financial and emotional support as well as information and education.

I have also become a First Connection volunteer coordinator, joined LLS's advocacy efforts, and volunteer at local events. I receive a far greater benefit by volunteering with LLS than I give – I have a sense of purpose and fulfillment that I have never before experienced.

Celebrating 20 years of helping patients

The year 2017 marked 20 years of LLS's Information Specialists providing personalized support, information and resources to patients and caregivers. Last year Information Specialists answered nearly 18,000 inquiries, providing one-on-one assistance to address patients' and caregivers' specific needs.

Information Specialists are oncology social workers, nurses and health educators who have specialized training in the blood cancers. They spend hours speaking with those impacted by blood cancer about their disease, clinical trials, and financial resources, and guide them to LLS's comprehensive support and educational services. They can be reached at (800) 955-4572 or online at www.LLS.org.

Expansion of Clinical Trial Support Center

This year LLS doubled the capacity of its Clinical Trial Support Center (CTSC), in which specially trained nurses help patients find and enroll in clinical trials based on highly detailed, individualized assessments. The nurses work one-on-one with patients and caregivers to uncover all the important details needed to identify and enroll patients in appropriate trials, from their medical history to their current financial situation. From this information, they conduct a search and provide the patient with a list of trials to take to their physician.

Since it frequently takes time to find an appropriate clinical trial for patients, the CTSC nurses often maintain a relationship with patients and their family for many months and continue to provide support along the way. The majority of patients working with the CTSC have enrolled in one or more clinical trials.



Increasing Myeloma Awareness In African-American Communities

African Americans have twice the incidence of multiple myeloma as white Americans. Recent studies show that African Americans are significantly less likely to receive the newest treatments and combination therapies and more likely to experience treatment delays, including transplant delays.

LLS, with support from The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), is leading a pilot program to improve access to novel therapies and quality of life among African Americans with myeloma. This program, called Myeloma Link, will provide tools and resources to navigate the treatment landscape more effectively and cope with the disease.

The 18-month pilot program is being carried out in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, GA. LLS will take learnings from this pilot to expand the program nationally in rural, suburban, and urban areas throughout the country.

Connecting Patients Online

Patients and caregivers told LLS that they wanted to connect with and learn from other patients and caregivers with a similar diagnosis. The solution, LLS Community, is now a place where users go online to share advice, experiences and opinions.

LLS Community is a free online social network that provides support and education to blood cancer patients and their caregivers. It was launched in 2016 and has proved to be a valuable resource for patients and caregivers, growing to nearly 6,000 registered users with over 15,000 user posts in its inaugural year.



Through our nationwide grassroots network of more than 100,000 volunteers, we advocate for policies at the state and federal level in a commitment to remove barriers to care for blood cancer patients. This year our efforts have helped increase federal research funds, speed the review and approval process of new therapies, and ensure patients are able to access lifesaving treatments.

Policy & Advocacy



State Legislative Victories

This year, LLS helped advance laws in Pennsylvania, Alaska and Arkansas to ensure that health plans provide fair coverage of cancer treatments that are administered in pill form. This brings the total enacted "oral parity" laws to 43 states and Washington, D.C. Next year, LLS will continue the push to secure similar laws in Idaho, Michigan, North Carolina, and Tennessee.





KATHY HAWKINS

In January 2008, when I was a young, healthy mom of two young boys, I went to a doctor's appointment for fatigue and a pain in my stomach. The next day, I was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia.

My doctor prescribed a new, lifesaving oral treatment, but the outof-pocket cost was astronomical. Unlike intravenous chemotherapy that is administered in a doctor's office and included under medical coverage, oral cancer treatments are covered through pharmaceutical benefits. Rather than spending a monthly fixed copay of about \$30, I had to pay a portion of the total drug cost. In my case, this was \$2,000 per month.

I was unable to afford this crucial medicine, and I knew I was not

alone. I wanted to give a voice to cancer patients in Pennsylvania and beyond. I teamed up with LLS on a sevenyear effort to advocate for oral parity legislation. I attended legislative meetings and lobby days, spoke with media and reached out to legislators.

On July 8, 2016, Pennsylvania enacted oral parity legislation into law, thanks to the efforts of LLS, its advocates and patients. My involvement with LLS has only deepened since then. This year, I participated in Man & Woman of the Year, and raised \$54,000. I'm proud to continue sharing my story with others, both through my advocacy work at the state and federal levels, and at LLS chapter campaign events. I will continue to advocate for LLS until we find a cure.



AMANDA STEFFY

During my last semester of college, I was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia. Just as I was preparing for track and field season, my world was completely shaken. I did a lot of research to cope with my diagnosis. I learned about LLS and how its research funding was vital to the development of my treatment, imatinib (Gleevec), a revolutionary, targeted cancer therapy.

Within a few months after my treatment, I was able to start running again. I returned to training for my final track season and qualified to run the Boston Marathon. I wanted to give back to LLS because it had given me so much. I would not be here today without LLSfunded research. I decided to get involved with Team in Training (TNT). I started as a participant, then became a mentor and worked

my way up to assistant coach. My first season with TNT was incredibly healing. My diagnosis had felt frightening and isolating, but being around such positive people inspired me to share my own story.

After TNT, I participated in Man & Woman of the Year and funded a grant for CML research. I've continued to be involved in the leadership committee and joined LLS's advocacy efforts. I've been proud to meet with elected officials in Washington D.C. the past two years, and I've continued to work with the congressional representative in my home district. This past year, I served as the California Advocacy Committee captain, and remained a First Connection peer for young adults newly diagnosed with CML.

Volunteering with LLS has helped me come to terms with my diagnosis and feel comfortable opening up about my experiences in the hopes of helping others.

Federal Healthcare Advocacy

As Congress debated changes to federal healthcare, LLS advocated that proposed federal healthcare legislation should provide access to stable, quality, affordable coverage to the thousands of blood cancer patients impacted.

- 25,000+ advocate letters
- 2,000+ calls
- 300+ in-person Congressional meetings
- 8 formal letters and public statements

21st Century Cures Act

LLS helped pass the 21st Century Cures Act into law, ensuring reform that will enable the FDA to speed the review and approval of new therapies. This bipartisan bill committed nearly \$5 billion in additional funding for the National Institute of Health over the next 10 years, funding that is critical to sustain the current momentum to advance our understanding of the treatment of cancer, including blood cancers.

- More than 30,000 letters were sent to members of Congress
- 100's of calls were made to house leaders
- 13,000 letters contributed to the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act

Cost of Cancer Care

The rising cost of care for blood cancer patients has reached a boiling point, with an increasing number of patients foregoing their medications or reducing the dosage or frequency of their doctor prescribed treatments solely for cost reasons. While the cost of drugs makes headlines almost daily, and accounts for 10 percent of health expenditures by patients according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, it is just one element of cancer care that causes stress and impeding access to treatment.

In May 2017, in an effort to call attention to this issue, LLS announced a new public position statement on the cost of care and published a range of policy proposals intended to meaningfully reduce costs and mitigate the financial distress facing many patients with cancer. LLS called on every player in the healthcare system – from patient organizations and drug manufacturers, to insurers and pharmacy benefit managers, healthcare providers, hospitals, state and federal governments, and patients themselves – to embrace reforms that promise relief for patients suffering from financial distress.

Learn more at www.lls.org/cancercost.



Thousands of volunteers provided their time and talent in 2017 to make our signature fundraising campaigns a success. Through our campaigns, participants help us support lifesaving research, patient support and education, and advocacy efforts that benefit blood cancer patients.

Fundraising Campaigns



Thousands of volunteers provided their time and talent in 2017 to make our signature fundraising campaigns a success. Through our campaigns, participants help us support lifesaving research, patient support and education, and advocacy efforts that benefit blood cancer patients. LLS has been a pioneer in creating theme-driven fundraising campaigns, including:



Light The Night is a powerful campaign bringing light to the darkness of cancer. One million friends, families and co-workers gather together, carrying illuminated lanterns in 150 inspirational evening walks to celebrate, honor or remember those touched by cancer.

Light The Night had a record year, raising \$68.5 million; the campaign has raised more than \$625 million since 1999. LTN increased its revenue by 12 percent and was honored as the Peer-to-Peer Professional Forum's Program of the Year. LTN was named the ninth largest peer-to-peer fundraising program in America and registered the largest dollar increase of any program.

This year, Light The Night introduced Random Acts of Light, engaging celebrities and local heroes to surprise people touched by blood cancers with special meetings, to help brighten their lives during a dark time.



Team In Training continues to be the leading charity program that inspires and supports "teammates" with a unique opportunity to experience personal achievement through the Team that provides camaraderie, experienced coaching and fundraising support, and personal discovery.

Team In Training has raised more than \$1.5 billion over the past 29 years, training more than 650,000 teammates. As it approaches its 30th year, Team In Training and LLS continue to innovate a platform for fundraisers to change lives, both theirs and those impacted by our mission. Our fundraising opportunities have expanded to include high-caliber events in cycling and climbing. We have had numerous fundraisers summit Mount Kilimanjaro, have upcoming trips to Everest Basecamp and opportunities to cycle over some of Europe's historic mountains. LLS is supporting the most pioneering cancer research of our time, and you will find a Team In Training teammate moving to support the mission.



ROSHAN MARKSMAN

In 2011, I was introduced to Team In Training (TNT) through a friend who had just completed the New York City Triathlon with TNT and wanted me to share the great experience. When I joined, I did not have a direct connection to the cause but over the more than six years of my involvement I have met many teammates, friends, supporters and donors who are impacted by blood cancer. This has motivated me to do as much as I can.

I've been involved with LLS in many ways. I have completed 14 fundraising seasons with TNT and my role has evolved from participant, to mentor to team captain. My greatest achievement came last year, when I had the honor of

participating in LLS's Man & Woman of the Year campaign as the first-ever representative from Brooklyn, New York. My other proudest achievements: completing my first half-marathon, climbing to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa with Climb2Cure, and learning to swim in order to complete my first-ever triathlon.

With all my involvement with LLS I have raised more than \$100,000 and I proudly and patiently wait for the day when I can say that I helped contribute to an organization that has developed cures and treatments to help every patient impacted by blood cancer.



Student Series is a service learning, character education, and philanthropy program where students gain the unique experience of helping thousands of people in their fight against blood cancers.

Programs are tailored to each school level so students can grow with Student Series and have an even greater impact on the lives of patients each year. More than 13 million students and 850,000 educators in 27,000 schools across the United States participate annually. Since it began, students have raised more than \$315 million to fund breakthrough therapies and patient services, with more than \$26 million in this year alone.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

One of the premier fundraising programs within the Student Series is the Students of the Year campaign — a campaign that mobilized more than 400 motivated high school students across the country to raise an astounding \$6 million in its inaugural year. Ella Behnke is a 16-yearold from San Antonio, TX who earned the winning title, "National Student of the Year," raising more than \$334,768 for cancer cures!



LEUKEMIA& MAN & WOMAN **OF THE YEAR**[®]

Man & Woman of the Year is a truly unique fundraising campaign. In an annual competition in communities across the country, candidates compete in honor of children who are local blood cancer survivors, the Boy & Girl of the Year, by raising funds for LLS.

By engaging influential community leaders, Man & Woman of the Year taps into the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has allowed LLS to achieve great success in funding groundbreaking research to advance cancer cures. The winners receive LLS's "Man & Woman of the Year" titles. Every dollar raised counts as one vote and the titles are awarded to the man and woman with the most votes at the end of 10 weeks. Top local fundraisers become eligible to win national titles. In 2017, candidates raised \$40 million.



Leukemia Cup Regatta is a thrilling series of sailing events that combines the joy of boating with the important task of raising money to cure cancer. At events held at yacht clubs across North America, skippers register their boats and recruit friends and colleagues to help crew and raise funds. Crew members seek donations from friends, family, co-workers and employers to sponsor their boat.

More than \$62 million has been raised through the Leukemia Cup Regatta series for lifesaving research and patient services since its start 30 years ago.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MARIA AVILA

Our son Enrique was only two years old when he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Our life changed in a matter of minutes. At the age of three, Enrique received a bone marrow transplant and today, he is a healthy 17 year old.

Soon after his diagnosis, we received an educational resource from LLS, which provided information we needed and gave us hope. Our family wanted to be part of an organization that brought hope and information to families while funding research for cures. We joined Light The Night and formed "Team Familia Avila & Amigos" to raise funds and walk with hundreds of other survivors, caregivers and supporters.

We are so proud to work with LLS to bring light to the darkness of cancer, in honor of our son and the many other families impacted by blood cancers.





Partnerships



We are grateful to our partners and sponsors, who harness the power of their consumers, communities and employees to help fight blood cancers.

For a full list of partners, go to www.lls.org/partners.





Total Program Services	77.26%
Total Supporting Services	22.74%
Total Expenses	100%

We've always believed the most efficient way to finding cures for blood cancer is by directing as much funding as possible to the best and most innovative research, while providing patient support and education, and tirelessly advocating on behalf of patients. Your support is invested wisely.

Independent Auditors' Report

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

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. (LLS), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. 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 consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the organization's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited LLS's consolidated financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated November 2, 2016. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

KPMG LLP

October 27, 2017

Consolidated Balance Sheet

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. / June 30, 2017 (with comparative amounts at June 30, 2016) (In thousands)

Assets	 2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,401	18,596
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,613	2,906
Contribution and other receivables, net (note 5)	17,785	17,244
Investments (note 3)	209,421	168,293
Fixed assets, net (note 8)	 10,119	16,946
Total assets	\$ 282,339	223,985
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 21,711	13,655
Deferred revenue (note 6)	14,028	12,916
Awards and grants payable (note 2)	64,052	60,451
Co-Pay assistance payable (note 2)	20,071	13,469
Other long-term liabilities (note 9)	 3,167	1,638
Total liabilities	 123,029	102,129
Commitments and contingencies (notes 2 and 10)		
Net assets (note 4):		
Unrestricted	126,993	84,178
Temporarily restricted	29,161	34,241
Permanently restricted	 3,156	3,437
Total net assets	 159,310	121,856
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 282,339	223,985

Consolidated Statement of Activities

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. / Year ended June 30, 2017 (with summarized totals for the year ended June 30, 2016) (In thousands)

	Temporarily		Permanently	Total		
	Unrestricted	restricted	restricted	2017	2016	
Operating revenue:						
Campaign contributions \$	237,443	21,077	5	258,525	258,839	
Less direct donor benefit costs	(25,955)			(25,955)	(26,348)	
Net campaign contributions	211,488	21,077	5	232,570	232,491	
Co-Pay contributions (note 2)	_	77,779	_	77,779	46,379	
Therapy acceleration program contractual return (note 1)	29,548	_	_	29,548	_	
Donated services, goods and media (note 7)	14,594	_	_	14,594	11,175	
Legacies and other revenue	5,276	15	_	5,291	7,946	
Service revenue	3,847	_	_	3,847	_	
Net interest and dividend income	2,730	136	_	2,866	1,352	
Net assets released from restrictions (note 2):						
Co-Pay assistance	78,591	(78,591)	_	_	_	
Satisfaction of other donor restrictions	26,426	(26,426)				
Total operating revenue	372,500	(6,010)	5	366,495	299,343	
Operating expenses (notes 7 and 11):						
Program services:						
Research	65,067	_	_	65,067	54,691	
Patient and community service	125,677	_	_	125,677	89,209	
Public health education	48,138	_	_	48,138	42,881	
Professional education	21,698			21,698	15,373	
Total program services	260,580			260,580	202,154	
Supporting services:						
Management and general	29,049	_	_	29,049	27,553	
Fund raising	47,656			47,656	44,749	
Total supporting services	76,705			76,705	72,302	
Total operating expenses	337,285			337,285	274,456	
Change in net assets from operating activities	35,215	(6,010)	5	29,210	24,887	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(180)	(4)	_	(184)	(110)	
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments (note 3)	7,780	648	_	8,428	(4,157)	
Net assets transferred and reclassified	_	286	(286)		552	
Change in net assets	42,815	(5,080)	(281)	37,454	21,172	
Net Assets:						
Beginning of year	84,178	34,241	3,437	121,856	100,684	
End of year \$	126,993	29,161	3,156	159,310	121,856	

Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. / Year ended June 30, 2017 (with comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2016) (In thousands)

		Progran	gram Services	es		Supp	Supporting Services	es			Ċ	
		Patient and	Public Hoalth	Drofoccional		Management		·	Total	al	Direct donor benefit costs	lonor costs
Res	Research	service	education		Total	general	raising	Total	2017	2016	2017	2016
\$	42,219	I	I	Ι	42,219	I	Ι	I	42,219	40,011	I	I
	4,711	I	ļ	Ι	4,711	I	I	Ι	4,711	9,343	I	Ι
	2,142	I	I	I	2,142	I	I	I	2,142	I	I	I
	I	1,703	I	I	1,703	I	I	I	1,703	1,299	I	I
	I	72,969	I	I	72,969	I	I	I	72,969	40,030	I	I
	Ι	4,595	I	I	4,595	I	I	I	4,595	3,375	I	I
4,(4,021	2,563	4,095	245	10,924	279	3,391	3,670	14,594	11,175	I	Ι
5,0	5,840	25,488	24,124	12,572	68,024	16,212	17,466	33,678	101,702	90,623	Ι	Ι
2,	2,946	3,891	4,798	2,473	14,108	3,580	5,019	8,599	22,707	18,658	3,305	1,725
	97	3,489	3,819	1,292	8,697	2,166	6,718	8,884	17,581	16,794	5,090	5,052
	367	3,174	2,882	1,186	7,609	1,719	2,583	4,302	11,911	11,863	Ι	I
	817	2,056	2,329	1,625	6,827	1,854	1,485	3,339	10,166	7,482	14,877	13,672
	1,109	1,256	1,209	689	4,263	1,032	1,021	2,053	6,316	4,828	Ι	I
	17	1,309	1,878	362	3,566	390	2,624	3,014	6,580	7,302	Ι	Ι
	170	1,233	1,026	556	2,985	689	701	1,390	4,375	5,223	2,683	5,899
	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	I	I	5,434	5,434	5,434	Ι	Ι	Ι
	611	1,951	1,978	. 698	5,238	1,128	1,214	2,342	7,580	6,450		
\$	65,067	125,677	48,138	21,698	260,580	29,049	47,656	76,705	337,285	274,456	25,955	26,348

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. / Year ended June 30, 2017 (with comparative amounts for the year ended June 30, 2016) (In thousands)

		2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Change in net assets	\$	37,454	21,172
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash			
provided by operating activities:			
Net (increase) decrease in fair value of investments		(8,428)	4,157
Impairment of fixed assets		5,434	_
Depreciation and amortization		7,580	6,450
Provision for uncollectible accounts		188	(445)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(707)	3,143
Contributions and other receivables		(729)	(7,810)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		8,056	(3,320)
Other long-term liabilities		1,529	197
Deferred revenue		1,112	(4,886)
Awards and grants payable		3,601	(8,884)
Co-Pay assistance payable	_	6,602	(996)
Net cash provided by operating activities		61,692	8,778
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of fixed assets		(6,187)	(8,570)
Purchases of long-term investments		(117,279)	(238,736)
Sales of investments	_	84,579	204,227
Net cash used in investing activities		(38,887)	(43,079)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		22,805	(34,301)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		18,596	52,897
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	41,401	18,596

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1) Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A) Organization

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to finding cures for blood cancers and providing services to blood cancer patients, their families, and caregivers. LLS's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS research grants have funded many of today's most promising advances for the treatment of blood cancer patients, including targeted therapies and immunotherapies. LLS is a leading source of publicly available information regarding blood cancer, and education and support programs. LLS influences public policies that accelerate the development and approval of new blood cancer therapies and advocates for all blood cancer patients and their families, helping patients navigate their cancer treatments and access to quality, affordable and coordinated care. LLS is dedicated to removing barriers to care by representing the healthcare and medical research interests of patients and families to policy makers at all levels of government.

B) Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of LLS that encompass the National Office of LLS and its fifty-six chapters in the United States, and LLS's not-for-profit affiliates, including The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, Inc. (LLSC) and its five chapters in Canada, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Research Programs, Inc. (LLSRP), The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Research Foundation (LLSRF), Beat AML, LLC (BAML) and PearlPoint Cancer Support, Inc. (PPCS). Effective March 28, 2016, LLS became the sole member of PPCS. As part of the assumption of control, LLS recognized a transfer of net assets of \$552. All significant intercompany and intra-LLS accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

C) Tax-Exempt Status

LLS, LLSRP, LLSRF and PPCS qualify as charitable organizations as defined by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and, accordingly, are exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(a). Additionally, since these organizations are publicly supported, contributions 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.

BAML is a single-member limited liability company and is a disregarded pass-through entity. Accordingly, all revenue and expenses are included in LLS. Income of BAML is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) consistent with LLS.

LLS and PPCS recognize the effect of income tax positions only if those tax positions are more likely than not to be sustained. Income generated from activities unrelated to exempt purposes are subject to tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 511. There were no entities that recognized any unrelated business income tax liability for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

D) Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires LLS's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. The significant estimates made in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements include the fair value of alternative investments, allowance for uncollect-ible accounts, allocation of expenses, and valuation of donated goods, services and media. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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E) Risks and Uncertainties

LLS invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate risks, fluctuations in market values, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheet.

LLS's principal source of revenue is contributions by the general public. Accordingly, LLS's operations are dependent upon individual contributions, that are affected by general economic conditions, employment levels, and other factors over which LLS has little or no control. By contrast to the granularity of the general public donations, the Co-Pay program in 2017 and 2016 was funded by eight and nine donors, respectively. In addition, the Beat AML Master Trial was primarily funded by five donors in 2017.

F) Summarized Financial Information

The consolidated financial statements are presented with 2016 summarized or comparative information. With respect to the consolidated statement of activities, such prior year information is not presented by net asset class and, in the consolidated statement of functional expenses, 2016 expenses by object are presented in total rather than by functional category. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with LLS's 2016 consolidated financial statements from which the summarized information was derived.

G) Subsequent Events

LLS evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of June 30, 2017 through October 27, 2017, which was the date the consolidated financial statements were issued, and concluded that no additional disclosures are required.

H) Net Asset Classifications

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to LLS, 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 LLS's Board of Directors, for LLS 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 and/or purpose.

Permanently restricted net assets: Consist of funds that contain donorimposed restrictions requiring that the principal be invested in perpetuity. Income earned on these funds is recorded as temporarily restricted net assets and is released from restriction when the donor stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the amount has been appropriated in compliance with the Board-approved spending policy (note 4).

I) Foreign Currency Translation

LLSC uses the Canadian dollar as its functional currency. Accordingly, the currency translation of the financial statements of LLSC to U.S. dollars is included as a translation adjustment in the consolidated statement of activities.

J) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 inputs are quoted or published prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that a reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

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- Level 2 inputs other than quoted or published prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

LLS follows the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, for its alternative investments that do not have readily determinable fair values, including hedge funds, limited partnerships, and other funds. This guidance allows, as a practical expedient, for the estimation of the fair value of investments in investment companies for which the investment does not have a readily determinable fair value, using net asset value (NAV) per share or its equivalent, as reported by the investment managers.

The classification of investments in the fair value hierarchy is not necessarily an indication of the risks, liquidity, or degree of difficulty in estimating the fair value of each investment's underlying assets and liabilities.

K) Contributions, Grants 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 consolidated statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Conditional contributions are recognized as revenue when the conditions have been substantially met. Certain grants are accounted for as exchange transactions whereby revenue is recognized when the related expenses are incurred. Amounts received under these arrangements but not yet expended are reported as deferred revenue.

L) Therapy Acceleration Program Contractual Return

In January 2009, as part of its Therapy Acceleration Program (TAP), LLS entered into an agreement with Celator Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Celator) through which LLS provided funding of approximately \$4,100 to Celator in support of the Phase 2 study of Celator's lead compound Vyxeos[™] (daunorubicin and cytarabine liposome for injection) for the treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). From 2012 through 2016, LLS provided funding of an additional \$5,000 for the Phase 3 clinical study of Vyxeos[™]. LLS provisions of funding to Celator were based on clinical milestones.

As part of the agreement, Celator was obligated to make payments to LLS relative to the timing of the product commercialization and other liquidity events. In July 2016, Jazz Pharmaceuticals (Jazz) completed the purchase of Celator, triggering a payment of \$13,716 to LLS. In late 2016, Jazz terminated the agreement with LLS triggering a onetime contract termination fee of \$11,612 to eliminate potential future royalty payments related to Vyxeos[™]. The total amount of the return to LLS from its TAP investment in Celator was \$25,328.

The remaining \$4,220 of TAP contractual return comes from various other TAP investments.

M) Service Revenue

Service revenue is accounted for as an exchange transaction whereby revenue is recognized when the related expenses are incurred. Amounts received under these arrangements but not yet expended are reported as deferred revenue.

N) Donated Goods and Services

LLS has determined that certain of the donated goods and services it receives meet the criteria for recognition in the consolidated financial statements. The value of contributed goods was determined based on fair market value estimates. The value of contributed services was determined for volunteers that possess specialized skills, and would otherwise need to be purchased. These goods and services are recognized as revenue and expense (note 7).

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O) Donated Media

LLS has conducted national public service announcements (PSA) media campaigns and benefited from donated media time that was aired on television and radio. The value of contributed media, which is recognized in the consolidated financial statements, was estimated based on the placement, audience, and demographics of the PSA's (note 7).

P) Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from date of purchase, except for amounts held in investments.

Q) Investments

Investments are stated at fair value based upon quoted or published market prices, except for the fair values of alternative investments which are based on NAVs provided by the fund managers or general partners, based upon the underlying net assets of the funds consistent with the concepts of ASC 820. These values are reviewed and evaluated by management.

R) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets, which consist principally of equipment, software, and leasehold improvements, are recorded at cost, 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, ranging 2 to 10 years (leasehold improvements 7 years; furniture, fixtures, and office equipment 7 to 10 years, and computer equipment and software 2 to 5 years).

S) Other Long-Term Liabilities

Other long-term liabilities represent LLS's liability for the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plans recorded at fair market value (note 9) and straight-line rent of office leases (note 10).

T) Professional Fees

Professional fees included in the consolidated financial statements principally include professional fundraising fees, contracted software development, and legal and auditing fees.

U) Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications of 2016 amounts have been made to conform to the 2017 presentation.

2) Research and Co-Pay Assistance Program

LLS has various activities that are utilized to carry out its mission as presented below:

Research

Awards and Grants: Awards and grants for research are approved by LLS's Board of Directors and are recognized as expense when contractual conditions have been satisfied. The budgets for 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 LLS's Board of Directors. LLS has multi-year grant commitments of \$45,410 at June 30, 2017, which are conditioned upon future events and, accordingly, are not recorded. LLS has unconditional grants payable of \$64,052 and \$60,451 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, which are anticipated to be paid in the next year. Grant refunds of approximately \$923 and \$450 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, have been netted against awards and grants expense.

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TAP: TAP is LLS's strategic initiative to speed the development of blood cancer treatments and supportive diagnostics by creating business alliances with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. TAP provides funding for investigational new drug enabling studies and clinical-stage projects. TAP contracts are recognized as an expense in the year program milestones are achieved. Multi-year contracts, which are generally two to three years in length, are reviewed against milestones on a quarterly basis and may be terminated at the discretion of LLS's Board of Directors. LLS has contract commitments of \$9,144 and \$10,214 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, that are conditioned upon future events and, accordingly, are not recorded.

Commitments for the awards and grants and TAP programs are contingent upon the satisfactory completion of milestones and/or other conditions in the grant and contract agreements. If such conditions are satisfied, the amounts are estimated to be paid as follows:

Year ending June 30:		
2018	\$	28,702
2019		19,101
2020 and thereafter	_	6,751
Total	\$	54,554

Co-Pay Assistance Program

Co-Pay Assistance Program: The Co-Pay Assistance program offers financial assistance to patients in meeting their insurance Co-Pay obligations for prescription medications or private/public health insurance premiums. Amounts awarded under the program are expensed in the year approved based on the available funding in the program. Revenue is recognized when the grants are received while expenses are recognized as patients are approved for participation according to program criteria. The Co-Pay Assistance payable of \$20,071 and \$13,469 has been established based on approved patient applications received through June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At June 30, 2017, temporarily restricted net assets include \$8,148 received in 2017, which are available for expenditure and are intended to be awarded in fiscal 2018.

The following summarizes the activities of the Co-Pay Assistance program in 2017 and 2016.

		2017	2016
Beginning balance	\$	8,960	7,254
Co-Pay contributions		77,779	46,379
Amount expended during the year:			
Direct assistance to patients		(72,969)	(40,030)
Other expenses incurred and reimbursed under the contract	_	(5,622)	(4,643)
Amounts available for expenditures in the next year	\$	8,148	8,960

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3) Investments

The following tables present LLS's fair value hierarchy of investments measured at fair value on an annual basis as of June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	_	2017	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market funds and cash	\$	63,155	63,155	_	_
Fixed income:					
Corporate bonds		49,312	49,312	—	—
Government securities and other		2,098	2,098	—	_
Equities:					
Large cap equity		32,356	32,356	_	_
International equity		30,261	30,261	_	_
Small/mid cap equity		20,813	20,813	_	_
Commodities	_	3,566	3,566		
	_	201,561 \$	201,561		
Investments reported at net asset value:					
Multi strategy hedge funds	_	7,860			
Total investments reported at net asset value	_	7,860			
	\$_	209,421			

	-	2016	 Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market funds and cash	\$	58,704	58,704	_	_
Fixed income:					
Corporate bonds		36,228	36,228	_	_
Government securities and other		2,032	2,032	_	_
Equities:					
Large cap equity		22,466	22,466	_	_
International equity		20,406	20,406	_	_
Small/mid cap equity		10,429	10,429	_	_
Real estate		5,293	5,293	_	_
Commodities	-	2,996	 2,996		
	_	158,554	\$ 158,554		
Investments reported at net asset value:					
Multi strategy hedge funds		7,503			
Long/short equities	-	2,236			
Total investments reported at net asset value		9,739			
	\$ =	168,293			

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In 2016, LLS transitioned from a traditional Investment custodian to an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer. In this process, LLS liquidated its investment portfolio and reinvested all funds.

Investment expenses totaled \$376 and \$560 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The unrealized gains were \$4,504 and \$3,513 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

LLS's alternative investments are diversified across two investment strategies, as follows:

- Multi strategy hedge funds represent investments in a broad range of investment strategies that seek to
 exploit opportunities as they occur in the markets due to temporary dislocations or structural inefficiencies and
 include event-driven strategies, distressed debt, merger and other arbitrage, and value investing.
- 2. Long/short equities primarily investments in funds that, in turn, invest in liquid, marketable securities, attempting to realize gains through the identification of mispriced securities.

These strategies create indirect exposure to LLS through short sales of securities, trading in future and forward contracts, and other derivative products. Derivatives are investment contracts used to hedge risk. While these financial instruments may contain varying degrees of risk, LLS's risk with respect to such transactions is limited to its capital balance in each investment.

LLS's alternative investments contain various redemption restrictions with required written notice ranging from 45–95 days. By contrast, all of LLS's nonalternative investments are highly liquid and can be redeemed daily without restriction. As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, the following table summarizes the redemption provisions for those investments reported at NAV:

	-	2017	2016
Redemption period:			
Quarterly	\$	6,265	6,003
Annual	_	1,595	3,736
Total	\$_	7,860	9,739

As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, LLS had no unfunded commitments on its alternative investments.

4) 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, 2017 and 2016:

		20	17	20	16
	-	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted
Time restrictions	\$	6,297	_	272	_
Research		7,097	3,035	19,377	3,280
Patient service		7,533	_	5,367	_
Co-Pay assistance		8,148	_	8,960	_
Other	_	86	121	265	157
Total	\$_	29,161	3,156	34,241	3,437
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LLS follows the provisions of the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, which imposes guidelines on the management and investment of endowment funds. LLS has interpreted the relevant law as allowing LLS to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of an endowment fund as LLS determines is prudent considering the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the endowment fund is established, subject to the intent of the donor as expressed in the gift instrument.

LLS has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment funds while seeking to protect the original value of the gift. The spending rate policy at June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 4%, plus any additional amounts advised by donors. Under this policy, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results consistent with LLS's overall investment strategy.

The following table presents changes in the donorrestricted endowment funds for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	_	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Endowment net assets at July 1	\$	2,962	3,437	6,399
Investment income		428	_	428
Net appreciation		335	_	335
Contributions		_	5	5
Reclassifications		(347)	(286)	(633)
Appropriation for expenditure	_	(252)		(252)
Endowment net assets at June 30	\$ =	3,126	3,156	6,282

The following table presents changes in the donor-restricted endowment funds for the year ended June 30, 2016:

	-	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Endowment net assets at July 1	\$	3,086	3,690	6,776
Investment (loss) income		(164)	64	(100)
Net appreciation		280	_	280
Reclassifications		_	(277)	(277)
Appropriation for expenditure	_	(240)	(40)	(280)
Endowment net assets at June 30	\$_	2,962	3,437	6,399

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5) Contribution and Other Receivables

LLS's contribution and other receivables at June 30, 2017 and 2016 consist of unconditional promises to give, receivables associated with service revenue, and legacies for which the underlying wills have been declared valid by the probate court and no other conditions are required to be met. Contributions and other receivables consist of the following:

	 2017	2016
Campaign contributions	\$ 2,749	4,248
Co-Pay contributions	6,000	6,450
Other restricted contributions	8,080	6,546
Service revenue and other	 956	
Total	\$ 17,785	17,244

Contributions receivables are originally recorded based on discounted cash flows using a risk adjusted discount rate. Amounts are scheduled to be received as follows:

	_	2017	2016
Less than one year	\$	13,688	10,723
1 to 5 years		5,186	7,272
After 5 years	_	25	50
Subtotal		18,899	18,045
Less:			
Allowance for uncollectible accounts		(357)	(169)
Discount to present value (1.5% to 5.0%)	_	(757)	(632)
Total	\$	17,785	17,244

As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, 53% and 65% of gross legacies and contributions receivable were from two funding sources.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. / June 30, 2017 (Amounts in thousands)

6) Deferred Revenue

The majority of deferred revenue includes amounts received for special events that will be held subsequent to the fiscal year end. Deferred revenue as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 consists of the following:

	 2017	2016
Grants	\$ 45	1,145
Service revenue	2,100	_
Special events	 11,883	11,771
Total	\$ 14,028	12,916

7) Donated Goods, Services and Media

The value of donated goods, donated services for family support group facilitators and research grant reviewers, as well as donated media are included in both revenue and expense as shown below:

	 2017	2016
Donated goods	\$ 3,552	_
Donated services	2,430	2,867
Donated media	 8,612	8,308
Total	\$ 14,594	11,175

8) Fixed Assets, Net

Fixed assets at June 30, 2017 and 2016 consist of the following (in thousands):

	_	2017	2016
Leasehold improvements	\$	1,795	1,434
Furniture, fixtures, and other office equipment		3,547	3,397
Computer equipment and software	_	36,350	39,706
Total		41,692	44,537
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	_	(31,573)	(27,591)
Fixed assets, net	\$_	10,119	16,946

In 2017, an impairment of fixed assets of \$5,434 was recorded for the write-off a fund-raising platform that will no longer be utilized by LLS.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. / June 30, 2017 (Amounts in thousands)

9) Retirement Plans

LLS has a defined contribution 403(b) plan covering all employees meeting age and service requirements. LLS contributions are based on a percentage of each eligible employee's salary and years of service. Expenses under this plan aggregated \$2,149 and \$1,827 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

LLS has nonqualified deferred compensation plans for its executive staff subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (the 457 Plans). There were no expenses incurred for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. The assets of the 457 Plans are included in investments in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and amounted to approximately \$1,574 and \$1,405 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The liabilities of the 457 Plans are included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and amounted to approximately \$1,574 and \$1,374 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

10) Lease Commitments

The leases for premises, which LLS's National Office and chapters occupy, expire on various dates through March 31, 2031, and provide for certain payments subject to escalation and periodic rate increases relating to real estate taxes, operating expenses, and utilities.

The approximate minimum aggregate future annual rental commitments are summarized as follows:

Year ending June 30:		
2018	\$	7,106
2019		6,134
2020		5,636
2021		5,243
2022		4,477
Thereafter		13,923
Total	\$ _	42,519

11) Joint Costs Allocation

For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, LLS incurred expenses to conduct activities that had both fundraising appeals as well as mission program and management and general components (joint activities). Those joint activities included direct mail, coinboards, and media campaigns. Such costs are allocated based on applicable accounting standards and were allocated as follows:

	 2017	2016
Fund raising	\$ 12,832	13,901
Patient and community service	2,666	2,076
Public health education	 5,002	5,117
Total	\$ 20,500	21,094

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Research Grants

Specialized Center of Research

The Specialized Center of Research Program funds multidisciplinary research by teams of leading-edge academic investigators that hastens the discovery and development of better treatments for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma patients. A center is comprised of at least three independent research programs that are integrated and supported by scientific core laboratories.

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Congratulations to all the 2017 awardees!

2017 National Recognition & Awards Recipients

President's Award

Recognizes a volunteer whose personal commitment and dedication inspires and motivates others to support our mission.

Gary Thompson South Central Texas Chapter

Spiral of Life Award

Individual who contributes personal and professional talents to advance an LLS national campaign or program.

John Kellenyi (awarded posthumously) New Jersey Chapter

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