



Our Mission...

Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

The Need...

- Some 1,130,000 people in the U.S. are living with or in remission from blood cancer.
- Approximately every three minutes, someone new is diagnosed with blood cancer.
- Approximately every 10 minutes, someone dies from blood cancer.
- Statistically, 27,186 people living in Wisconsin are living with blood cancer.
- Each year, some 3,610 Wisconsin residents are diagnosed with a blood cancer.

Research in support of the mission...

- LLS has invested more than \$1 billion in research, almost \$46 million in fiscal year 2018.
- Currently in Wisconsin LLS is supporting:
 - Jing Zhang, Ph.D., at University of Wisconsin, with a 5-year commitment totaling over \$550,000. Dr. Zhang's team is studying mutations in one type of gene common in leukemia cases.
 - Fotis Asimakopoulos, MD Bchir, PhD, at University of Wisconsin, with a 3-year commitment totaling \$600,000. Dr. Asimakopoulos received a Translational Research Program grant, and is focused on understanding the defenses multiple myeloma cancer cells employ to resist treatment, with the long term goal of enhancing the ability of immunotherapy-mobilized killer cells to do their job.

Patient services in support of the mission...

- In Wisconsin, in the fiscal year concluding June 2017, LLS distributed \$1,991,950 to 718 patients to help them cover the cost of cancer treatment as part of our Co-Pay Assistance Program, in addition to \$11,000 to 22 patients to help them cover the cost of treatment-related travel through our Travel Assistant Program.
- In Wisconsin, LLS hosts four support groups (2 in Milwaukee, 1 in Fox Valley, and 1 Madison) which provide professional guidance, information and support for patients and family members.
- In Wisconsin, 25 volunteers are trained and stand ready to assist new patients or family members by sharing their special perspective on cancer survival and the recovery process through LLS' First Connection program.
- In Wisconsin, LLS hosts blood cancer conferences; as well as smaller, disease-specific symposiums and programs.
- In Wisconsin and throughout the country, LLS' Access and Education programs include free printed material on disease, treatment and support; Back-to-School Transition help for kids after their cancer treatment; as well as free web education programs and a 24-hour, 800# Information Resource Center available in over 70 languages!
- In Wisconsin and throughout the country, LLS Community was launched on February 1, 2016. LLS Community is an interactive and diverse online network designed to accelerate change and amplify the collective voice of blood cancer patients and their caregivers.

Advocacy in support of the mission...

In Wisconsin, LLS successfully led a coalition of cancer agencies committed to passing the Cancer Treatment Fairness Act (commonly known as the Oral Parity Bill) which was signed by the Governor in April of 2014.