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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society<sup>SM</sup> offers the most comprehensive array of services to patients and families touched by blood-related

cancers. A diagnosis of leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, myeloma or other blood-related cancer brings many daily challenges. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is committed to providing support and guidance to patients and the health professionals who care for them. **Joining hands to**

**help patients cope; improving the quality of life of patients and their families.**





## Information Resource Center

## Accurate, up-to-date information on blood- related cancers.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Information Resource Center, **800.955.4572**, provides

patients, families and healthcare professionals with the latest information on leukemia, lymphoma and all blood-related cancers. Our information specialists—professional social workers and nurses—are available Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm EST. The Society provides free information on its diseases through literature, posters, films and videos, speaking engagements, seminars and educational programs, news releases and public service advertising.



## Connecting on the Web

## Using the latest technology to advance our mission of improving the quality of life for patients.

[www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org), the Society's Web site, is the

definitive resource for information on blood-related cancers. Log on to find the latest news on disease characteristics, diagnosis and treatment, clinical trial opportunities and breaking research findings. Informative, interactive teleconferences connect patients and families with experts at the forefront of oncology care. The many services offered by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through its national chapter network are clearly explained. "Personalization" features allow easy access to the information patients and caregivers need each time they log on.



## First Connection

### **A peer-to-peer support program for patients and survivors.**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society recognizes the needs of people with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma and myeloma. The First Connection Program brings patients and their families the opportunity to share experiences with someone who has "been through it," and obtain valuable information on Society and community resources available. Patients and caregivers learn the coping skills they need, while the volunteer survivors make a meaningful, caring contribution by sharing their special perspective on the recovery process.



## Family Support Group

### **Facilitating communication among patients, family and friends, and the medical team.**

The Family Support Group Program is based on the idea that open communication about the illness is critical for coping with all the feelings that arise. With appropriate professional guidance, patients and family members can discuss their anxieties with each other and with others who share the same burden. This sharing of ideas and emotions strengthens the family bond and enhances everyone's ability to cope with the disease.

All patients, family members and friends affected by leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma and myeloma are invited to attend at local Society chapters free of charge.




## Patient Education Programs

## Simplifying the ever-expanding array of information and support now available to patients.

As we move closer to finding cures for leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related cancers, the information available can seem overwhelming. The Society seeks to be a beacon of help and guidance to all those touched by blood-related cancers. Our educational programs, including “Improving the Chemotherapy Experience,” “Cancer Clinical Trials,” and “Cancer: Keys to Survivorship” and “Meet the Doctor” are sponsored free of charge to help bring treatment options into clearer focus and strengthen decision-making and coping skills for patients and their families.

For information on all the educational programs offered, contact your local chapter or call the Society’s Information Resource Center at **800.955.4572**.



## Trish Greene Back to School Program for Children with Cancer

## Assuring a smooth transition from treatment back to school.

The Trish Greene Back to School Program for Children with Cancer was developed to foster communication among healthcare professionals, parents, young patients, and school personnel in preparation for the return to school and other activities. Informative materials, videos, and a wealth of literature are available through all the Society’s local chapters.



## Patient Financial Aid

## Providing supplementary financial assistance to patients receiving active treatment for their blood-related cancers.

Through this program, the Society is able to help patients **with significant financial need** defray treatment-related expenses, including approved medications, radiation therapy, transportation, blood and marrow transfusions, and testing not covered by insurance or other sources.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society would like to be able to provide financial assistance to all patients, but unfortunately, funds available through the Patient Financial Aid program are limited and subject to availability. It is important that these limited funds be available for patients who are experiencing the greatest financial need.

Reimbursement requests, up to a maximum of \$500 per year, are processed through your local Society chapter and payments are issued directly to you. Patient financial aid is limited to residents of the United States or its territories, and U.S. military personnel stationed abroad.

### Financial Self-Assessment

We feel you are in the best position to assess your financial need. Listed below are a few questions to assist you in the assessment process. **This information is for your use only and will not be requested by the Society.**

If after considering the questions you feel your financial need warrants participation in our Patient Financial Aid Program, please

contact your local Society chapter to request an application. Please also consider participation in one, or more, of our many other Patient Services programs as detailed in this *Touching Lives* brochure.

We are here to help you in this journey and assist you with the challenges that lie ahead.

**What impact has this diagnosis had on your current income or financial situation?**

**What unusual out-of-pocket expenses do you have or expect as a result of your, or a family member's, diagnosis?**

**What other financial resources do you have access to or are you aware of that may assist you with treatment or other related costs?**

**What, if any, type of health insurance do you have? Will your health insurance cover the costs that you expect to incur related to your illness?**

If you believe you are in financial need at this time, contact your local chapter to request a Patient Financial Aid application. Answer all questions, then bring or mail to your nearest Society chapter. You can find your local chapter by calling **800.955.4572** or by logging onto the Society's Web site at [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org).

**For additional information...**

on all the services for patients and their families  
offered through The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:

**Contact Your Local Chapter**

**Information Resource Center**  
**1.800.955.4572**

**[www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org)**



**The Leukemia &  
Lymphoma Society™**

*Fighting Blood-Related Cancers*

*Fighting Leukemia, Lymphoma,  
Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Myeloma.*

## If you would like more information...

about The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's work on behalf of all those touched by blood-related cancers and how to become involved, please complete the information requested below and return this tear-off card to your nearest Society chapter:

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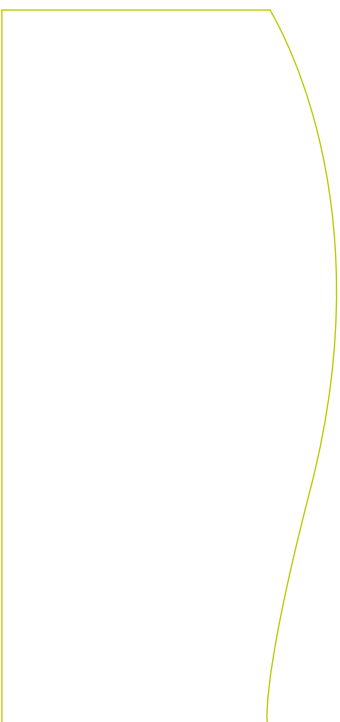
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