



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society®

Fighting Blood Cancers

How We Help Local Patients

- In 2009, we distributed more than \$1 million to patients in Kansas and Missouri through the Patient Financial Aid program and the Co-Pay Assistance program. This money is distributed to assist with out of pocket medical expenses associated with treatment.
- LLS has designated \$1.5 million for a ground breaking Therapy Acceleration Program at The University of Kansas Medical Center. \$1 million in 2009 – 2010 and \$500,000 has been committed for 2011.
- This year LLS has awarded \$806,500 in research grants to eight researchers in Missouri (3 at The Stowers Institute in Kansas City, MO) *currently* working to find cures for cancer.
- We hold 9 monthly support groups for patients and their caregivers.
- We provide free Educational Programs throughout the year for patients and healthcare professionals (social workers, nurses and doctors).
- We make over 100 “First Connection” matches each year. This is a program that partners a newly diagnosed patient with a patient who has successfully undergone treatment to offer support and advice.
- We hold an annual Children’s Holiday Party for all pediatric cancer patients and their families, co-sponsored by Children’s Mercy Cancer Center Auxiliary.
- In December, 2009, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society partnered with the Kansas City Free Health Clinic to provide free health care for people without health insurance coverage. The 2 day clinic provided services for over 2,500 people in need.

Quick Facts About Blood Cancers

- This year an estimated 1,190 residents in Kansas, and more than 2,710 residents in Missouri will be diagnosed with a blood cancer.
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under the age of 20.
- Every four minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer.
- Every 10 minutes someone dies from a blood cancer.
- Blood cancers affect people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds.