



Facts & Figures 2013

What is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society?

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the nation's fastest growing nonprofit health agency. It is the world's largest voluntary, dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. **The mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.** LLS was established in 1949 as the DeVilliers Foundation, in memory of Robert Roesler DeVilliers who died of leukemia at the age of sixteen.

What are blood cancers?

Leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma are cancers that affect the blood forming and infection fighting organs – mainly the bone marrow and lymph nodes. They are related because they involve the uncontrolled growth of cells with similar functions and organs.

Just How far will your donation go?

- **\$25** Covers the cost of one prescription co-payment.
- **\$35** Provides transportation expenses for a patient living in the DC metropolitan area to a comprehensive cancer center for treatment.
- **\$40** Covers the cost of sending a comprehensive support and informational packet to the family of a child with cancer.
- **\$50** Covers the cost of one CT scan.
- **\$75** Covers the cost of one tissue typing test that is used to become a bone marrow donor.
- **\$100** Helps supply laboratory researchers with supplies and materials critical to carrying out their search for cures
- **\$100** Provides 3 patients access to an informational teleconference.

FACTS:

- Every ten minutes, another child or adult is expected to die from leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma.
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children under the age of 20.
- In 1974, the five-year survival rate for children with the most common form of leukemia was just 53%. Today, 86% of children diagnosed will survive.
- In 2006, the Swim-a-thon program had only 8 teams and raised \$27,152.32. In 2012, there were 19 teams who participated in the program and together they raised more than \$80,000!
- In 2012, over 94,000 laps were swam, which is also 1,472 miles!!



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Help us make the dive into the fight against blood cancers this summer at the 2013 Swim-a-thon!