



The Lupus Research Alliance unites the global lupus community in bold determination to free the world of lupus through the power of science.

We will transform the lives of people affected by lupus as we welcome and embrace a new scientific era, pioneer innovation, push the frontiers of knowledge, enlist diverse new scientific talent, and lead the drive to new treatments, prevention and cure.

## AMONG TOP FIVE HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS TO DONATE TO

The Lupus Research Alliance, the world's leading private funder of lupus research, continued in 2017 to fund the best and most innovative lupus research in the world. Our model has proven to be so effective that the Lupus Research Alliance was recommended by Consumer Reports as **one of the best five health organizations** to donate to in 2017. Our funding is leading the way to key discoveries that are improving diagnosis and therapies, while enabling scientists to investigate theories toward prevention and our ultimate goal – a cure for lupus.

Since our inception, the Lupus Research Alliance Board of Directors' contributions have funded all operating expenses. So, 100% of your donations went to critical research programs. Throughout the year, the goodwill and generosity of Lupus Research Alliance donors propelled scientific discovery. (see reverse side for details and other highlights of the year.)

## Accelerating Drug Development and Fostering Collaboration

In 2017, the Lupus Research Alliance continued to fund the most innovative research through our funding mechanisms. We believe that scientific research is the most powerful way we can improve the lives of people living with lupus, today and over the long term. By shepherding new discoveries into potential treatments, we aim to seize every opportunity that will help ease the burden of people living with this difficult disease.

- 7 scientists received nearly \$4 million in grants through our two-year **Target Identification in Lupus (TIL)** grant program.
- Our **Novel Research Grant Program** awarded \$3 million for high-risk, high-reward, novel research projects relevant to basic, translational and clinical investigations in lupus.
- The **William E. Paul Distinguished Innovator Award in Lupus and Autoimmunity** challenged exceptional scientists to pursue innovative, hypothesis- or discovery-driven projects with \$1 million in grants.
- This year's Lupus Insight Prize of \$150,000 was awarded to **Virginia Pascal, MD**, for a project that shows great promise in understanding the events leading to lupus flares. Dr. Pascal was recently named Founding Director of the Gale and Ira Drukier Institute for Children's Health at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City.

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# BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND GETTING RESULTS

- We have invested \$182M in lupus biomedical research.
- By participating in our national grassroots fundraising effort – Walk with Us to Cure Lupus – families, friends, and colleagues supported the Lupus Research Alliance across the country. Walkers and sponsors raised nearly \$3 million for Lupus Research Alliance’s critical scientific initiatives.
- The Corporate Leadership Circle invited pharmaceutical and biotech companies to share strategic priorities and consult on the best ways to deliver new treatments.
- The Lupus Industry Council unified industry and academia to address common obstacles and accelerate lupus drug development.
- Lupus Clinical Trial Investigators Network (LuCIN) launched its first clinical study.
- Selena Gomez attended the annual Breaking Through Lupus gala which raised \$3.2 million.
- The Forum for Discovery scientific meeting occurred, hosting the leading lupus researchers in the world.

## We Accelerated Drug Development

In 2017 the Lupus Research Alliance’s **Lupus Clinical Investigators Network** (LuCIN), a network of clinical study sites throughout the U.S. and Canada, launched its first clinical trial. The study, which began in May 2017, is a non-interventional trial of a custom smartphone app that enables lupus patients to report symptoms in real time – which can potentially lead to more precise treatment. More clinical studies in the Network range from evaluating the benefits of using timed-released prednisone to using MRI technology to assess lupus nephritis.

The following is an overview of the Lupus Research Alliance’s income and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

### Revenue & Other Support:

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|---|---------------------|
| Contributions                             | \$23,693,133        |
| Other Support                             | \$ 3,926,741        |
| <b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Support:</b> | <b>\$27,619,874</b> |

### Program Expenditures:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Research                           | \$10,894,950        |
| Scientific programs                | \$10,986,100        |
| Public policy                      | \$ 776,350          |
| <b>Total Program Expenditures:</b> | <b>\$22,657,400</b> |

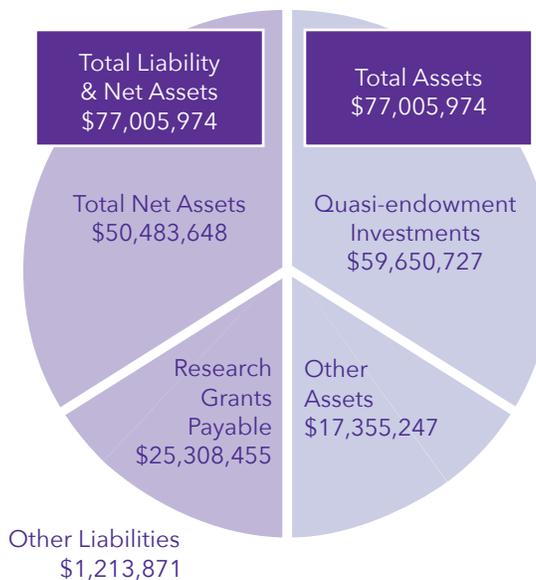
**Administration Expenditures: \$2,131,622 ★**

**Fundraising Expenditures: \$3,345,716 ★**

**End of Year Net Asset Balance: \$50,483,648**

★ The Lupus Research Alliance’s Supporting Services are covered by donations from its Board of Directors.

Because Lupus Research Alliance’s Board of Directors funds our administrative and fundraising costs, 100% of your contribution goes directly to support lupus research programs.



We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our Board of Directors, who fund all our administration and fundraising expenses. Their ongoing generosity allows us to commit 100% of all other donations to support lupus research programs.

The Lupus Research Alliance contracts Lutz and Carr, CPA’s as its independent auditor. A complete copy of the audited financial statements of the organization for the year ended December 31, 2017, together with the independent auditor’s report thereon, may be obtained through a written request to the national office and is also available on the website; lupusresearch.org. The Lupus Research Alliance is tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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