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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.

ONE OF THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

The Lupus Research Alliance (LRA) was once again named by *Consumer Reports* as one of the best health organizations to donate to in 2019. This blue-chip recognition is based on ratings by independent watchdog groups like BBB Wise Giving Alliance and CharityWatch.

The LRA is second only to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in funding lupus biomedical research. **We have invested more than \$200 million in lupus research programs** and delivered breakthroughs that are speeding up the development of new treatments and enabling scientists to investigate theories toward prevention and the ultimate goal – a cure.

INVESTING IN TRAILBLAZING RESEARCH

As the world's leading authority in lupus research, the Lupus Research Alliance funded 15 scientists to conducting investigations in four critical areas:

- Six scientists received \$1.8 million in grants through our two-year **Novel Research Grants** program. Supporting advances in novel hypotheses and/or technologies, this award aims to propel new research concepts forward. Supporting highly meritorious research, this program aims to discover molecular pathways and therapeutic targets that will lead to new treatments.
- Our up-to-three-year **Target Identification in Lupus** granted \$3.6 million for six research projects aimed at characterizing lupus disease pathogenesis... identifying targets for treatment... facilitating evaluation.
- The Dr. William E. Paul Distinguished Innovator Award in Lupus and Autoimmunity
 of up to \$1 million challenged our 2019 awardees: Fabienne Mackay, PhD and
 Jeffrey Rathmell, PhD. These exceptional thinkers aim to shift the lupus paradigm
 with bold explorations.
- Our once-a-year **Lupus Insight Prize** of \$100,000 went to Dr. Ignacio Sanz in recognition of the seminal scientific discovery he made in B cell research.

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POWER IN NUMBERS

If there is one thing that the Lupus Research Alliance has learned, it's that there is power in numbers, and we need no greater proof than our Walk with Us to Cure Lupus program.

Walkers – passionate about ending lupus – may walk because a family member, friend or colleague has lupus. Or they may walk because they have lupus themselves. The important part is they decided to be part of the solution. People around the country were resolute in participating in the LRA walk program to ensure better treatments and eventually a cure become a reality for lupus patients around the world. Such passion has generated nearly \$2 million in 2019. Even more remarkable is the fact that since this grassroots fundraiser began, a cumulative total of nearly \$41 million has been raised for critical lupus initiatives from these supporters.

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 following is an overview of the Lupus Research Alliance's income and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

Revenue & Other Support:

End of Year Net Asset Balance:	\$44,770,201
Fundraising Expenditures:	\$ 3,029,588
Administration Expenditures:	\$ 2,129,277
Total Program Expenditures:	\$21,363,886
Public policy	\$ 846,235
Scientific programs	\$ 8,746,496
Research	\$ 11,771,155
Program Expenditures:	
Total Revenue & Other Support:	\$23,090,881
Other Support	\$ 5,417,259
Contributions	\$ 17,673,622

^{*}The LRA's Supporting Services are covered by donations from its Board of Directors.

Because the LRA Board of Directors funds our administrative and fundraising costs, 100% of your contribution to the LRA goes directly to support lupus research programs.



