



To educate and support patients, along with their families, by increasing awareness of the disease and improving communication among healthcare providers and the general public.

A Note from the Founder

I hope this note finds you and your loved ones well during these challenging times. As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues, the PA Fund has focused on directing our funding initiatives to support those within the lupus community who need assistance the most, whether that be emotional or financial. I want to personally thank you for earmarking the PA Fund when considering your charitable gift giving and supporting its programs through your generous contributions. With your support, we continue to grow by delivering on our mission to make a difference in the lives of those struggling with lupus through two key programs which I've outlined below...

I would like to express my gratitude for your support of the PA Fund. You have already helped drive meaningful impact within the lupus community, and I look forward to what 2021 brings. In closing, I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.



Patti Allen, Founder

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Lupus Emergency Grant Program

Since its inception in 2019, the Lupus Emergency Grant Program (LEGP) has distributed 42 grants totaling approximately \$20,000.

These grants provide short-term expense relief to individuals with lupus. This year, the PA Fund was honored to have the LEGP on the agenda for the Lupus Research Alliance's (LRA) Board Annual Meeting in June, 2020. As a result, several board members pledged their financial support, enabling the Fund to expand the LEGP grant program with plans to double the number of grants available to the lupus community in the coming year.

Thank you to the LRA Board for your vital support of this critical program. Due to the multifactorial impact of COVID-19, the lupus community is struggling not only medically, but also financially to make ends meet. These are unprecedented times, and we don't know what new challenges 2021 will bring. But we do know the issues our lupus community face will remain urgent, and the Fund is uniquely positioned to address these needs while making a difference in their quality of life.

To the LEGP Committee,

Thank you all for the grant that helped get me the things I needed for my medical scooter. I will now have support I need in order to shower unassisted, rest my legs with the new pillow, and go places with my family without putting a burden or time restriction on them! -LEGP Recipient

Support Groups

A key pillar of the Fund is to afford support groups that provide people with lupus emotional and educational assistance to help cope with the many challenges lupus presents. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, these groups have become an even more crucial resource to the lupus community and successfully transitioned to a virtual-meeting environment. The Fund salutes our volunteer, support group peer leader, Anne Zablutowicz, for her unwavering commitment to helping others in need of guidance who are struggling with the dynamics of this disease.

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