



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

It's hard to believe the holidays are upon us. During this season of giving, I want to express my gratitude to all of you who have supported the PA Fund. The Fund is sustained by your generous contributions. Thank you for believing in this mission and its programs, as they enable individuals with lupus to feel valued.

The PA Fund has been a progressive force for those within the lupus community. It improves lives of individuals by providing resources to assist with day-to-day living activities. These programs are detailed on the next pages.

Although Covid is still a major concern for those struggling with lupus, your donations help secure the PA Fund's role in their lives.

Together, we move the dial forward to make a significant difference in the lives of those with this complicated disease. The PA Fund continues to grow by delivering its mission of patient care. Thank you for your commitment to drive these meaningful results.

With sincere gratitude and wishing you a healthy, safe and happy 2023.

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Highlights of 2022

1. Lupus Emergency Grant Program (LEGP)

Delivered milestone \$100,000 in Emergency Grants

Since inception in 2019 the Lupus Emergency Grant Program(LEGP) has distributed 209 grants totaling over \$100,000. These grants provide short-term financial relief for emergency related expenses due to lupus. Throughout the last half of this year, the program doubled the number of grants awarded in the first half of the year. The top categories of expense relief from applicants are:

- Medical (30%)
- Utilities (28%)
- Rent Arrears (14%)



LEGP Review Committee
Brianna Fitzpatrick, Patti Allen, Alison Lee

Due to the increased demand for grants, the LEGP Review Committee added a new member, Estela Mata. We are grateful for her gift of time and dedication in reviewing applications.



Estela Mata

	2019*-2021	YTD 2022**	Total
# Awards	76	142	218
Total Amount	\$33,660	\$66,750	\$100,410
Average Award Amount	\$443	\$470	\$460

* First grant awarded in August 2019. ** As of 11/3/22.

Comments from recipients of our Grants

“This has been the hardest year for me and this help is truly a blessing so I can afford my future treatments. Thank you, a million times. I’m in tears with gratitude.”

Emily Y.

“I received the reissued card today & sent the payment to my landlord. Thank you again so very much for the work you do and the support you provide to us. As I continue to pray for a cure for myself and all my fellow lupus warriors, I’ll continue to pray for organizations like yours that always remind us that we are not alone - and that we are worthy of compassion, kindness, and help.”

Stacey R.

2. Lupus Advocates *Take it to the Hill*

Advocacy remains a top priority for the PA Fund. We will again co-sponsor the LRA's annual *Take it to the Hill* event in 2023, where hundreds of advocates from around the country use their voices to tell members of congress to champion increased funding for lupus care, including:

- Impactful educational platforms
- Improved drug development
- Increased studies to improve patient care.



Team NY1
LRA Advocacy Event 2022 – Virtual!

3. Support Groups Offer Emotional and Educational Support



Carla Menezes

Support groups have been the cornerstone of the PA Fund since inception. With the leadership of a professional coordinator, Carla Menezes, support group attendees share their stories with each other to give help, comfort, encouragement, advice and guidance to face their challenges together. Many of the groups are dialogue-driven and include team-focused activities to encourage social support and interaction which have a positive influence on physical and mental health.

4. PALS Program (new for 2022!)

Patient Advocates for Lupus Studies (PALS), is a peer support program to increase participation in lupus clinical trials. The purpose of these clinical trials is to produce better drug treatments for those with lupus. PALS' purpose is to increase education and availability of information about those trials, through a 1:1 peer support. This program was created by Lupus Therapeutics, the clinical affiliate organization of Lupus Research Alliance (LRA), and partially funded by the PA Fund.

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