



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.

Dear Friends of the PA Fund,

Over the past six months, the PA Fund at the Lupus Research Alliance has been the beneficiary of enormous generosity from you, its supporters. WE THANK YOU! Together, your partnership with the Fund raised over \$20,000 to advance the PA Fund's programs, specifically, the lupus emergency grant initiative.

Our mission at work!

Here is how your support made all the difference:

Lupus Emergency Grant Program (LEGP)

Thus far in 2026, the PA Fund has awarded 25 grants. These grants are up to \$500 each. They make life-changing differences in the lives of people with lupus, who struggle to make ends meet because of their disease.

Read heart-warming notes of gratitude below:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I was literally crying, because I didn't think about the many little things I would need for my treatments, like lunch, since each procedure is 8 hours! I wish I could give you all a hug. I don't want to sound like woe is me, but things like this don't happen to me! Thank you again from the bottom of my heart!

Ms. G

I cannot thank you enough. I am so happy and excited and can't stress to you how much this helps me.

Ms. B

*I'm so grateful for your organization. You saved me from **homelessness** this month! Thank you ever so much. God bless all of you!*

Ms. H

Support Groups

Members provide each other with help by coming together to share coping strategies. They leave each meeting feeling more empowered by increased knowledge of their disease and knowing they are a valued member of a caring community.

These support groups become a lifeline to members, giving them a meaningful social network at a time when desperately needed. They share their personal trials and triumphs, listen to and accept others' stories, and offer each other the kind of empathetic understanding that only comes from a common experience. Your donations allow these groups to continue meeting by paying for a facilitator, venue, and refreshments.

Patient Advocate for Lupus Studies (PALS)

PALS is a peer support program created to increase much-needed participation in lupus clinical drug trials. Many people with lupus are not aware of these trials or want to know more about what is involved. The PALS program uses “pals” (peers who have lupus and have been in a trial) to share their positive experience with trial participation and educate about current trials.

The program was created by the Lupus Research Alliance. PALS is partially funded by the PA Fund, whose founder and volunteers are passionate about providing peer support in all areas for people with lupus.

Engaging with many of the lupus patients and their families reminds me of the life-changing challenges they confront on a daily basis. I also experienced these difficult moments, several years ago, when faced with my own lupus diagnosis. Support for the lupus community through the mission of the PA Fund has never been more impactful, or more important.

With your continued help, we will continue on this path for many years to come. Your support propels our mission. Thank you!

Patricia Allen



Founder, PA Fund

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