

## How Donations are Used

Lupus is a complex disease that requires a comprehensive solution. We are implementing three strategies to end lupus:

- Advance the science and medicine of lupus
- Create awareness of the disease and advocate on behalf of all who are affected by lupus.
- Support all people affected by lupus and their professional healthcare providers.

The Foundation delivers its programs and services through the National Office located in Washington, DC, and through a national network of chapters, offices, support groups and community representatives.

Below is a brief description of our programs.

### ADVOCACY

- Advocate for constructive public policies that help support people with lupus and their families.
- Educate policymakers about the critical needs of people with lupus and their families.
- Collaborate with state and federal policymakers to establish and expand programs for people with lupus.
- Broaden and strengthen the outreach of the
- Foundation's grassroots advocacy network to secure urgently needed increases in funding for research and education programs.

### INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- Translate research findings into medically sound information for health professionals, people affected by lupus, and the public.
- Educate physicians about the diagnosis and treatment of lupus.
- Develop and disseminate education materials to all individuals affected by lupus.
- Design and deliver innovative national awareness campaigns to educate the public about lupus.
- Collaborate with national partners and government agencies to educate individuals at highest risk for developing lupus.

### RESEARCH

- Lead special research initiatives and forge collaborative efforts among stakeholders to address critical issues in the field of lupus.
- Fund researchers at medical institutions nationwide to address gaps in understanding the causes, progression, and consequences of lupus.
- Advocate for expanded investment in research from public and private sources at the state and federal levels.

### CHAPTER SUPPORT

- Build the Foundation's capacity to serve all people with lupus.
- Develop model programs, educational materials, and other tools for chapter volunteers and members.
- Provide training on board development, governance, financial and program management.
- Facilitate collaborative efforts between chapters and other community service, medical, and advocacy organizations.
- Continue to build the capacity of existing chapters and develop and implement a long-term strategy to ensure that the Foundation's programs are available to all people who need them.