

Lupus Foundation of America
Georgia Chapter

ANNUAL REPORT FY 2021



Help Us Solve
The Cruel Mystery

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Help Us Fight the Cruel Mystery of Lupus

Dear Friends,

Lupus is a mysterious disease and is as diverse as the people you meet every day, just like snowflakes as Dr. John Goldman describes it. Lupus has changed so many lives and looking at these warriors you would never know. One day they are as bright as sunshine and the next day they look like zombies or pin cushions with hospital tubes everywhere. Regardless how they look or feel, each person gives hope to families and patients due to their sheer perseverance to survive. Hearing their stories humbles me every time.



This year has brought new challenges along with growth and opportunities for the Lupus Foundation of America, Georgia Chapter (LFAGA). The chapter has expanded its presence in the Hispanic community and in partnership with Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness (GCLEA), educated school nurses from K-12.

You have also made it possible for us to expand the Parent Project and Lupus@Work programs. Lupus Parent Project is a support group in partnership with Children's Hospital of Atlanta for the parents of children and teens with lupus. Lupus@Work program gives people opportunities to invite the Lupus Foundation to their office to provide to essential tools and information to managers, employees and their family members.

Your commitment to the Lupus Foundation of America, Georgia Chapter makes it possible for us to provide resources and education to the community and fund research to find a cure to this cruel disease.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vi-Vi Nguyen'.

VI-VI NGUYEN

Co-Chair, Board of Directors

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VISION

The Lupus Foundation of America, Georgia Chapter envisions a world without lupus. The organization will advance the science and medicine of lupus to find a cure and improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus.

MISSION

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of research, education, support and advocacy. We are focused on achieving the following disease-specific outcomes:



Reduce the time to disease diagnosis



Ensure people with lupus have an arsenal of safe and effective treatments



Expand direct services and increase access to treatments and care

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Education:** The Georgia Lupus Summit, with over 260 attendees, presented simultaneously in English and Spanish.
- **Patient Resources:** The fifth Support Group Retreat was held to train 34 Support Group Facilitators as professional activists in communities across Georgia.
- **Advocacy:** In March 2018, we advocated for \$100,000 in research funds in Georgia. The funds were renewed for fiscal 2022. We will continue to advocate for health care reform including medical surprise billing and step therapy.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance:** The Georgia Chapter distributed funds to help people living with lupus who were in financial crisis. The Chapter paid utility bills, co-payments for doctor visits, rent and much more all the while counseling our constituents to help them find sustainable resources. We have awarded more than \$97,000 in assistance since 2014.



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GOALS

- Continue to expand our educational programs and resources to new communities.
- Increase awareness and support of our programs in the doctor's offices of our Medical Advisory Board (MAB) members and increase support and participation of our MAB members in our programs.
- Expand our Lupus Parent Project, a support network for parents, working in partnership with Children's Hospital of Atlanta.
- Partner with the Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness to educate school nurses and to expand telemedicine for rheumatology patients in Georgia.
- Continue to grow our Digital programming during COVID-19 with presentations to support people living with lupus in Georgia.

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BY THE NUMBERS

REVENUE AND SUPPORT \$ 490,359

EXPENSES

Program Services \$ 299,850

Management and General \$ 29,302

Fundraising \$ 51,531

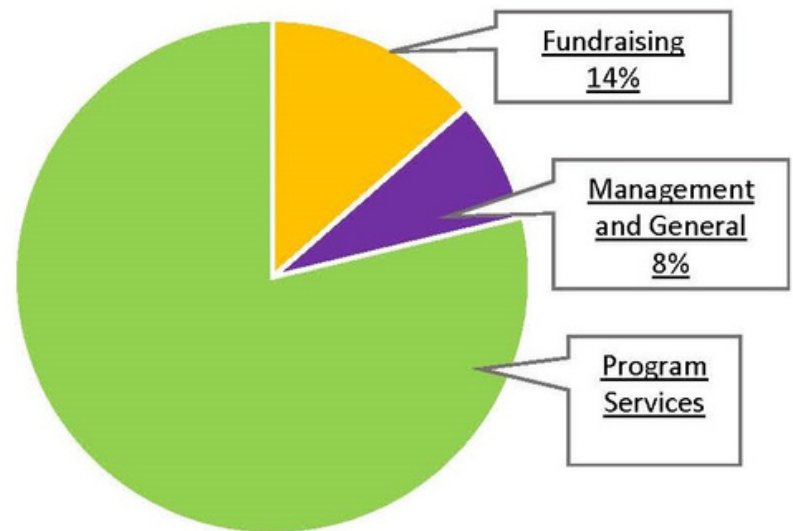
Total Expenses \$ 380,683

ASSETS

Net Assets - Beginning of FY \$ 133,594

Net Assets - End of FY \$ 337,681

Change in Net Assets \$ 204,087



WHO WE SERVE

EDUCATION PROGRAMS - 684 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - 360 PEOPLE SERVED

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - 23 PEOPLE SERVED

LUPUS INFORMATION HELP LINE - 950 SERVED

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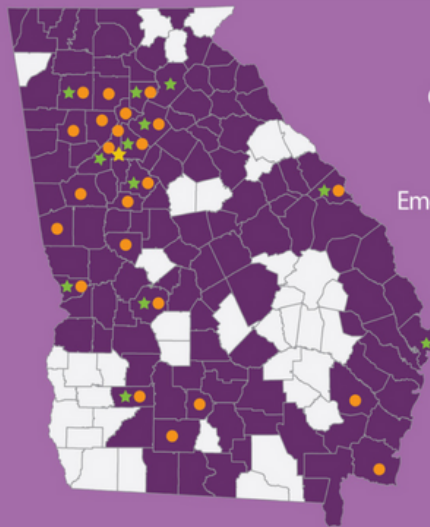
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WHERE WE SERVE

Reaching Communities in More Than 120 Counties...



More Than 30 **Support Groups**
including Men, Teens, Spanish
Speakers, Young Adults and
CALF (College-Aged Lupus Fighters)

Patient Navigators

Emergency **Financial Assistance** Fund

Statewide **Symposiums**, Newly
Diagnosed **Seminars** and
Workshops

Georgia Empowerment **Summit**

Monthly **Teleconference Calls**

Advocacy and Awareness in
Georgia and Washington, D.C.

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