



September

Is Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Every September The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society observes Blood Cancer Awareness Month as a way to raise awareness about blood cancers and the work LLS is doing to advance research to find cures and provide access to breakthrough treatments for blood cancer patients.

Leukemia, Lymphoma, myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, the blood cells, the lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system. These cancers are all related since each are likely a result from acquired changes to the DNA of a single stem cell. According to recent data (2013) from the National Cancer Institute: **One new person is diagnosed with blood cancer approximately every 4 minutes,**

Since 1949 LLS, with your help, has invested almost \$1 billion in research to advance therapies and save lives. They are working everyday to provide resources and improve quality of life for patients and their families. Your funding could help them save lives not just someday, but TODAY. We are at an extraordinary moment in time. A time where cures are not out of reach. But we aren't there yet. It's your generosity that advances the mission of LLS to fund cures for blood cancers and provide access to the patients who need them.

"SOMEDAY WE WILL CURE CANCER. BUT TODAY, YOU'RE HELPING US." – The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. (www.lls.org)