

# Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley Chapter



## General Information

### Contact Information

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### At A Glance

<b>Year of Incorporation</b>	1949
<b>Former Names</b>	Leukemia Society of America The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Connecticut Chapter Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, CT. Chapter
<b>Organization's type of tax exempt status</b>	Public Supported Charity

# Mission & Areas Served

## Statements

### **Mission**

The mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

LLS exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. We are the voice for all blood cancer patients and we work to ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients.

### **Background**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society began in 1949 as the Devillier's Society in memory of one family's loss of their teenage son. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS), headquartered in White Plains, NY, with chapters across the United States and Canada, is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Since its founding in 1949, LLS has invested over \$1 billion in research specifically targeting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

### **Impact**

LLS is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services.

Our Key Priorities will ensure that: *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society helps blood cancer patients live better, longer lives.*

### **Needs**

Newly diagnosed patients are under enormous amounts of emotional and financial stress. Many blood cancer patients are unable to work during their treatment and this financial hardship, partnered with the rising cost of healthcare, informs the need for LLS' Co-Pay Assistance Program. The Co-Pay Assistance Program is often how a patient first hears about LLS.

Patients also often feel they don't have a support network that knows what they are going through; therefore, LLS' programs like First Connection and patient support groups are extremely important.

There is also a need for LLS' Welcome Back programs to help facilitate reentry back into schools, as school staff often don't know how to explain to other school children what a leukemia patient has gone through.

### **CEO Statement**

LLS is the leader in support and educational programs in the area of blood cancers. The First Connection program is unique to LLS and is often the program that patients state they appreciate the most. The opportunity to have a casual conversation with someone who has gone through exactly what the patient is going through is critical.

### **Board Chair Statement**

In the current economic climate, the challenge that exists for the Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is our ability to continue raising funds that are used both to serve patients in our community and to support research that is critical to prolonging lives and ultimately to finding a cure for blood cancers. We have addressed this challenge by targeting our events toward various segments of the public using both a geographic focus and a demographic focus. We have also charged our Board of Trustees with recruiting more volunteers to participate at our events and to help raise awareness of the importance of our mission. We have also made great progress in attracting Trustees to our Board that meet the demographic and geographic diversity of our constituents in the Connecticut and Westchester/Hudson Valley Region, NY. Our Board members, our volunteers and our staff, many of whom are blood cancer survivors, are energetic in working toward beating this disease and devote numerous hours organizing and attending events and meeting with families and those whose lives have been changed by the diagnosis of a blood cancer. Its what drives many of us to work tirelessly to raise funds in the race to find a cure.

## Service Categories

**Primary Organization Category**  
**Secondary Organization Category**

Diseases Disorders & Medical Disciplines / Cancer  
Medical Research / Cancer Research

## Areas Served

Throughout the United States

Ansonia

Bethany

Branford

Cheshire

Derby

East Haven

Guilford

Hamden

Lower Naugatuck Valley

Madison

Milford

New Haven

North Branford

North Haven

Orange

Oxford

Seymour

Shelton

Shoreline

State wide

Wallingford

West Haven

Woodbridge

National

International

Ansonia

Bethany

Branford

Cheshire

Derby

East Haven

Guilford

Hamden

Lower Naugatuck Valley

Madison

Milford

New Haven

North Branford

North Haven  
Orange  
Oxford  
Seymour  
Shelton  
Shoreline  
State wide  
Wallingford  
West Haven  
Woodbridge  
National  
International  
Other  
Ansonia  
Bethany  
Branford  
Cheshire  
Derby  
East Haven  
Guilford  
Hamden  
Lower Naugatuck Valley  
Madison  
Milford  
New Haven  
North Branford  
North Haven  
Orange  
Oxford  
Seymour  
Shelton  
Shoreline  
State wide  
Wallingford  
West Haven  
Woodbridge  
National

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has chapters throughout the United States and Canada and funds research nationally and internationally.

The Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley Chapter serves the entire state of CT and the Greater Hudson Valley area of NY, with programs and services.

# Programs

## Programs

### First Connection Program

<b>Description</b>	First Connection is a program that links newly diagnosed patients to a peer volunteer who has experienced a similar diagnosis. The CT Chapter seeks funding for local training of peer volunteers. LLS would like to expand its volunteers to include underserved populations in the communities.
<b>Budget</b>	\$1,100.00
<b>Category</b>	Diseases, Disorders & Medical Disciplines, General/Other / Cancer
<b>Population Served</b>	People/Families of People with Cancer / /
<b>Program is linked to organization's mission and strategy</b>	Yes
<b>Short Term Success</b>	Enable patients and their loved ones to connect with a trained peer volunteer who has gone through a similar experience.
<b>Long Term Success</b>	The provide support and community resource information to others facing a similar diagnosis.
<b>Program Success Monitored By</b>	We monitor how many connections we make during the year here in CT and accross the country. Last year we had 148 First Connections made in CT and 6,000 nation wide.
<b>Examples of Program Success</b>	Through First Connection Program, and other programs I help with I always encourage everyone, patients, family members, and even caregivers to go to these support group meetings. These meeting are a large pot of information. They are also a great way for family members to talk to other families. I have gotten great feedback about that. When I attend the group meetings, I take information from L.L.S with me, when I leave I take questions back to find answers. As it is they are not an US and THEM programs, but WE as one. That is why these programs are so very important. I would not be where I am today if not for these programs. They allhelp people have a better life. Bob S

## Family Support Groups

<b>Description</b>	Family Support Groups provide mutual support and education for patients and family members.
<b>Budget</b>	\$2,100.00
<b>Category</b>	Diseases, Disorders & Medical Disciplines, General/Other / Cancer
<b>Population Served</b>	People/Families of People with Cancer / /
<b>Program is linked to organization's mission and strategy</b>	Yes
<b>Short Term Success</b>	The CT Chapter provides 12 different support groups to patients and their families. Some groups are disease specific while others are general.
<b>Long Term Success</b>	We hope to add additional support programs as they are needed so we can provide the support for patients and their families.
<b>Program Success Monitored By</b>	Our Patient Services Managers review each support group with our volunteer facilitators to make sure the groups are a benefit to each person attending and patients and families are getting the resources they need.
<b>Examples of Program Success</b>	I will be forever grateful for having 2 ongoing support groups to attend while I continue my fight against this disease. I continue to attend them in an attempt to give back and assist others as they begin their journeys. They give me a purpose and inspire me to continue to hang in there in the fight to cure this and other cancers in our lifetime. Most sincerely, Ginny B

## Co-Pay Assistance Program

<b>Description</b>	Our Co-Pay Assistance Program helps eligible patients with certain blood cancer diagnoses defray the cost of mounting insurance co-payments and insurance premiums.
<b>Budget</b>	\$285,962.00
<b>Category</b>	Diseases, Disorders & Medical Disciplines, General/Other / Cancer
<b>Population Served</b>	People/Families of People with Cancer / /
<b>Program is linked to organization's mission and strategy</b>	Yes
<b>Short Term Success</b>	Last fiscal year, 123 Connecticut patients received \$285,962 in co-pay assistance!
<b>Long Term Success</b>	We hope to reach as many qualified patients as possible to help assist with their medical bills
<b>Program Success Monitored By</b>	The program is monitored by our home office and local ct staff.
<b>Examples of Program Success</b>	"I don't know where we'd be without this program. Every little bit that we can get is a relief for us" -Steven & Charlotte

## Professional & Patient Education.

<b>Description</b>	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) sponsors a range of free telephone and web education programs, and local education programs of interest to patients and caregivers. LLS also sponsors conferences and meetings each year for physicians, nurses, social workers, researchers and other healthcare professionals. Live and past versions of these events are provided free to the public as ongoing informational resources.
<b>Budget</b>	\$25,450.00
<b>Category</b>	Diseases, Disorders & Medical Disciplines, General/Other / Cancer
<b>Population Served</b>	People/Families of People with Cancer / General/Unspecified /
<b>Program is linked to organization's mission and strategy</b>	Yes
<b>Short Term Success</b>	Last fiscal year we provided 23 patient and 16 professional education programs in the state of Connecticut.
<b>Long Term Success</b>	Chapters provide free education programs to help clarify treatment options and strengthen decision-making and coping skills for patients and their families.
<b>Program Success Monitored By</b>	Our Patient Services Managers and National Staff monitor the attendance and location of each of the programs to determine where changes can be made.
<b>Examples of Program Success</b>	Many patients and professionals have been able to obtain more information about specific blood cancer diagnoses, testing results and side effects from treatment.

# Leadership & Staff

## CEO/Executive Director

Mr. Dennis Chillemi

### Term Start

Apr 2014

### Email

dennis.chillemi@lls.org

### Experience

## Staff

<b>Number of Full Time Staff</b>	19
<b>Number of Part Time Staff</b>	4
<b>Number of Volunteers</b>	1000
<b>Number of Contract Staff</b>	1
<b>Staff Retention Rate</b>	100%

## Staff Demographics - Ethnicity

<b>African American/Black</b>	0
<b>Asian American/Pacific Islander</b>	0
<b>Caucasian</b>	22
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	1
<b>Native American/American Indian</b>	0
<b>Other</b>	0.0

## Staff Demographics - Gender

<b>Male</b>	3
<b>Female</b>	20
<b>Unspecified</b>	0

## Plans & Policies

<b>Organization has a Fundraising Plan?</b>	No
<b>Organization has a Strategic Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Years Strategic Plan Considers</b>	2
<b>Date Strategic Plan Adopted</b>	June 2012
<b>Management Succession Plan?</b>	No
<b>Organization Policy and Procedures</b>	Yes



<b>Nondiscrimination Policy</b>	Yes
<b>Whistleblower Policy</b>	Yes
<b>Document Destruction Policy</b>	Yes

### Former CEOs and Terms

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
Ms. Jeanne Montano	0 - 0

### Formal Evaluations

<b>CEO Formal Evaluation</b>	Yes
<b>CEO/Executive Formal Evaluation Frequency</b>	Annually
<b>Senior Management Formal Evaluation</b>	Yes
<b>Senior Management Formal Evaluation Frequency</b>	Annually
<b>Non Management Formal Evaluation</b>	Yes
<b>Non Management Formal Evaluation Frequency</b>	Annually

# Board & Governance

## Board Chair

Mrs. Ann Bryan

### Company Affiliation

None

### Term

July 2013 to June 2017

## Board of Directors

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ms. Helen Anbinder	Retired
Mr. Kevin Cameron	Consulting
Matthew Campbell	Laridae Capital
Dan Carlton	Community Volunteer
Jared Cohen	Cornerstone Wealth Management
Mr. Marc Diagonale	JP Morgan
Erika Dimson	Community Volunteer
Andrew Fredman	Andrew Fredman Architect LLC
Jack Geoghegan Esq	Community Volunteer
David Grais	Community Volunteer
Ms. Nina Kadan-Lottick MD	Yale University School of Medicine
David Kmetz	Retired
David Kmetz Jr.	JP Morgan & Chase
Vincent Marchewka	Community Volunteer
Jackqueline Mclean-Markes	McLean Smiles
Kevin Morgan	Community Volunteer
Bob Morris MD	Community Volunteer
Mr. Alfred Netter	
Phyllis Osterman	Retired
Ronnie Ram	Inspira Media
Mr. Martin Rauch	Marty Rauch Real Estate
Rob Schaab	Nestle Waters North America
Deborah Slater	US Attorney's Office District of CT
Mr. Henry Tessier	Tessier Associates
Natan Vaisman	Community Volunteer
Dave Warmund	Community Volunteer
Martin Weinberg	Community Volunteer

## Board Demographics - Ethnicity

<b>African American/Black</b>	2
<b>Asian American/Pacific Islander</b>	0

<b>Caucasian</b>	25
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	1
<b>Native American/American Indian</b>	0
<b>Other</b>	0 0

### Board Demographics - Gender

<b>Male</b>	21
<b>Female</b>	7
<b>Unspecified</b>	0

### Governance

<b>Board Term Lengths</b>	3
<b>Board Term Limits</b>	2
<b>Board Meeting Attendance %</b>	0%
<b>Number of Full Board Meetings Annually</b>	4
<b>Written Board Selection Criteria</b>	Yes
<b>Written Conflict of Interest Policy</b>	Yes
<b>Percentage Making Monetary Contributions</b>	100%
<b>Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions</b>	100%
<b>Constituency Includes Client Representation</b>	Yes

### Board Co-Chair

Mr. Alfred Netter

**Term** July 2014 to June 2017

**Email** alfnetter@aol.com

### Standing Committees

Advisory Board / Advisory Council

Board Development / Board Orientation

### CEO Comments

Also known as The Leukemia Society of America, LLS, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America.

# Financials

## Financials

### Fiscal Year Start

July 01 2016

### Fiscal Year End

June 30 2017

### Projected Revenue

\$4,855,000.00

### Projected Expenses

\$2,817,219.00

### Endowment Value

\$0.00

### Percentage (if selected)

0%

## Detailed Financials

### Prior Three Years Total Revenue and Expense Totals Chart

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Revenue	\$4,116,417	\$2,203,818	\$2,241,224
Total Expenses	\$4,090,095	\$2,153,411	\$2,189,083

### Prior Three Years Assets and Liabilities Chart

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Assets	\$144,994	\$56,538	\$58,113
Current Assets	\$66,501	\$38,972	\$34,487
Long-Term Liabilities	--	--	--
Current Liabilities	\$232,329	\$42,014	\$93,997
Total Net Assets	(\$87,335)	\$14,524	(\$35,884)

### Prior Three Years Top Three Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

## Solvency

### Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	0.29	0.93	0.37

### Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	0%	0%	0%

## Capital Campaign

**Currently in a Capital Campaign?**

No

**Goal**

\$0.00

**Capital Campaign Anticipated in Next 5 Years?**

No

**Comments**

**Foundation Staff Comments**

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