# 2016/17

# ANNUAL REPORT



# **OUR CORE VALUES | MISSION**



Created in 2000, Lupus LA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit healthcare organization dedicated to finding the causes of and a cure for lupus while serving the needs of people with lupus and their families in Los Angeles county and across Southern California. With an operating budget of approximately \$1.4m and a full-time staff of four, Lupus LA raises funds for our three core values: supporting medical research, providing patient services and programs, and promoting advocacy and awareness.

### **Medical Research**

- Finding Medical Research
- Sponsoring Fellowships at Local Institutions
- Supporting Local Projects through our Medical Advisory Board

#### **Patient Services**

- One-on-One Consultations
- Doctor Referrals
- Support Groups
- Emergency Grants
- Patient Education

#### **Advocacy & Awareness**

- Government Lobbying
- Expanded Social Media
- Awareness Campaigns
- Celebrity Ambassador Program

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the first true Annual Report from Lupus LA. We wanted to take this opportunity not only to provide you with our financial picture and to thank our generous donors, but also to highlight you the range of important work that we are doing in the lupus community.

This report provides you a snapshot of many of the things that Lupus LA does, but what you cannot see on the pages that follow is the true heart with which our staff, our board, and our donors put into every detail of our mission. I see that heart on a regular basis, whether it is patients with probing questions at a conference or a volunteer working hard at the Orange Ball or a child at our Children's Hospital support group learning about what may lie ahead; each and every person who touches Lupus LA makes an impact and we very much appreciate the passion and support we receive.

Please enjoy this look inside the last year of Lupus LA and consider us in your year-end contribution. The money we raise is incredibly vital to our mission and every dollar counts.

Adam Selkowitz Chairman of the Board







# 2016/17 LUPUS LA HUB HIGHLIGHTS: MEDICAL RESEARCH



Lupus LA Rheumatology Fellow Dr. Julie Cramer finished her 2nd year of her 3-year pediatric rheumatology fellowship specializing in pediatric rheumatology patient care with hospital partner, Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

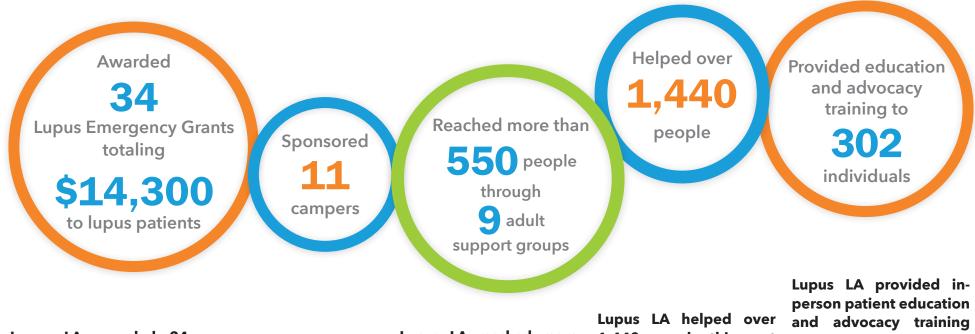
# Lupus LA funded over \$150,000 in support of our medical research programs.

The funds are used to support groundbreaking medical research each year with our national partners at the Lupus Research Alliance and our local hospital partners. Since 2000, Lupus LA has funded \$10.5 million for research endeavors.

# The Lupus LA Medical Advisory Board (MAB) continued its goals and expanded by three.

The Medical Advisory Board is a dedicated and passionate group of clinicians whose common goal is to find better treatment options for patients and eventually find a cure for lupus.

### 2016/17 LUPUS LA HUB HIGHLIGHTS: PATIENT SERVICES



Lupus LA awarded 34 Lupus Emergency Grants (LEG) totaling over \$14,300 to lupus patients in Greater Los Angeles. This is an increase from our previous fiscal year.

Since the LEG program's inception in 2009, Lupus LA has helped support 210 local lupus patients with grants totaling over \$84,400. Lupus LA sponsored 11 campers with lupus to attend The Painted Turtle to enjoy a summer camp experience.

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Lupus LA started this program in 2010 and has sponsored a total of 87 children. Lupus LA reached more than 550 people through our9adultsupportgroups.

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Since the beginning of the Lupus LA adult support groups program in 2007, more than 2,850 lupus patients have participated throughout Southern California. Lupus LA helped over 1,440 people this past year through individual consultations with our patient services team.

Since Lupus LA began, we estimate that over 5,000 patients have been helped through our individual consultation program. Lupus LA provided inperson patient education and advocacy training to 302 individuals this past year through two "Latest on Lupus" patient conferences.

Over 2,000 people have attended the "Latest on Lupus" conferences since they began in 2008.

# 2016/17 LUPUS LA HUB HIGHLIGHTS: ADVOCACY

Advocated for better access to healthcare funding and medical research

In March 2017, Lupus LA went to the Hill on behalf of lupus patients everywhere. Members of the Lupus LA staff and board advocated for better access to healthcare and other topics, such as funding for medical research. Signed on to

**18** letters for:

healthcare reform

patients' access to treatment

prescription pricing regulations

Lupus LA advocates for our patient population by signing on to important letters, taking a public stance on key issues and meeting with government officials and their officers to discuss pressing topics such as healthcare reform, patients' access to treatment, and prescription pricing regulations.

This past year, Lupus LA ssigned on to 18 letters, several on behalf of lupus patients.

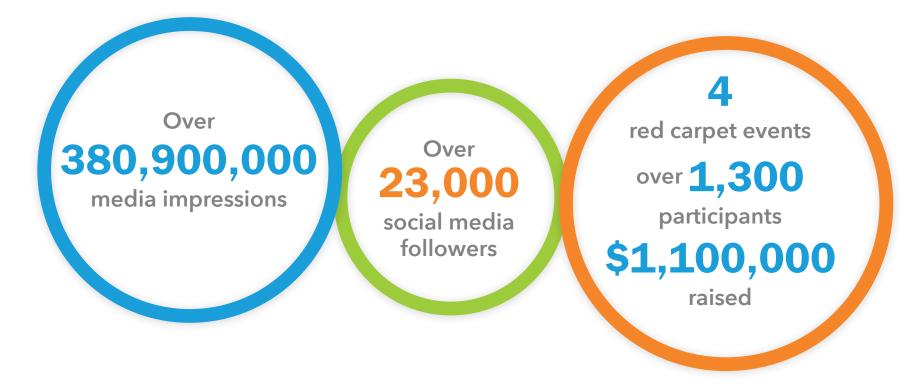
Lupus LA community members helped secure 8 proclamations in honor of Lupus Awareness Month in May 2017.

Secured

proclamations

Proclamations were awarded in the following areas: Beverly Hills, Baldwin Park, La Puente, El Monte, Glendora, Coachella, Azusa, and Los Angeles.

### 2016/17 LUPUS LA HUB HIGHLIGHTS: AWARENESS



With the help of our Celebrity Ambassadors and guests, Lupus LA made a big impact in the media this past year with over 380,900,000 media impressions.

Publications included: Extra TV, KTLA 5, Beverly Hills Courier, MSN.com, E-online, Angeleno, BizBash, The Huffington Post, The Doctors (TV), Hollywood Times, Daily Mail, Yahoo.com, ET Online, Variety.com, and many more... Lupus LA continued to expand our virtual presence by continually growing our social media reach.

This past year, our total reach is just over 23,000 followers across our media platforms.

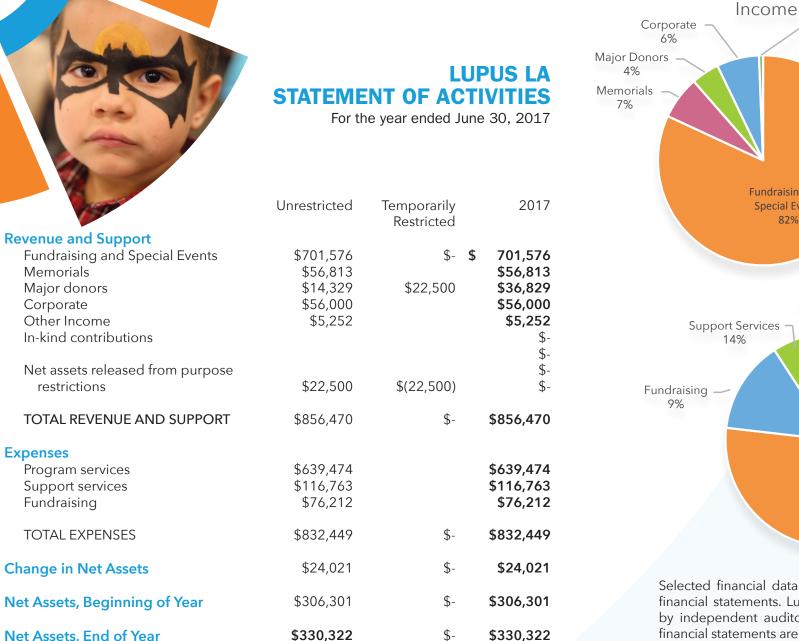
Lupus LA held 4 successful red carpet events, helping to reach our fundraising goals for the 2016/17 fiscal year.

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Over 1,300 people participated in our 2016/17 events, which raised a combined total of over \$1,100,000.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Other Income





Selected financial data was derived from audited financial statements. Lupus LA is audited annually by independent auditors and complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

Thank you to our donors for supporting the efforts of Lupus LA during our 2016/17 fiscal cycle. Through the generosity of the many people listed below and on the following pages, Lupus LA continues to help those who suffer from this devastating disease and strengthen their hope that life without lupus will soon be a reality.

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