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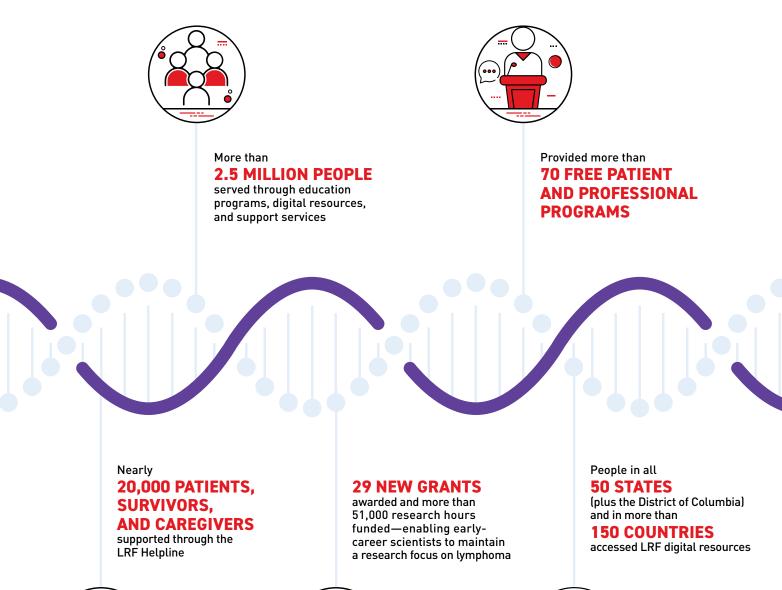
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FINDING OPPORTUNITY

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

BECAUSE OF SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU, WE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN 2021







Since our founding, the Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) has been leading the way to create a world without lymphoma.

After more than a quarter century, we remain committed to funding the best science and serving the lymphoma community through education, support, and compassion. We are grateful to the scientists who partner with LRF to move the research needle forward and advance our understanding of the more than 100 different lymphoma subtypes. We are thankful for our corporate partners, donors, and volunteers who support the Foundation's vital work and make progress possible.

"The Lymphoma Research Foundation helps advance life-saving research, helping fund crucial clinical trials and research endeavors that have contributed to many FDA approvals and advancement in the field."



Anita Kumar, MD Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Two-Time LRF Grantee



LETTER FROM THE CEO & CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

We are excited to share the progress made by the Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) over the past year. This report highlights many of the Foundation's achievements during this time, all made possible by the unwavering commitment of LRF supporters.

But this report is not only a story of progress; it is a story of opportunity and the people behind these accomplishments. Opportunity is a theme that resonates throughout this report and in everything we do. LRF is in constant search of opportunity: The opportunity to help patients and caregivers in need; to support the next generation Steven Eichberg Chair, Board of Directors

Meghan Gutierrez Chief Executive Officer

of lymphoma scientists; and to advance life-saving research. As you will read, we sought to accomplish this important work by prioritizing health equity through Spanish-language programming and scientific workshops addressing the challenges faced by underrepresented populations. As such, we created a collaborative scientific research mentoring program, using our convening power to establish the nation's only COVID-19 and Lymphoma Panel, and expanded digital programs to better serve lymphoma patients, healthcare professionals, and researchers alike.

The LRF mission to eradicate lymphoma forever is driven by and for people: People who research, treat, and support those affected by this disease. We are fortunate to have trusted supporters and partners who provide resources that enable us to pursue these opportunities and serve those touched by this disease.

With gratitude,

Meghan Gutierrez Chief Executive Officer

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OUR MISSION

To eradicate lymphoma and serve all those touched by this disease.

OUR FOCUS

Devoted exclusively to funding lymphoma research and supporting the lymphoma community through evidence-based education, support services, and resources.



Research

Our disease specificity and hyperfocus on finding cures for every type of lymphoma ensure the next generation of cancer researchers dedicate their careers to studying lymphoma.



Education & Support

We lead the way in ensuring patients and their loved ones have the support and knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their care.



Awareness & Advocacy

Awareness and advocacy are vital in our effort to increase the public's understanding of this disease, increase federal investment in lymphoma research, and improve patient outcomes.

"The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF), and the work it does, is critical in supporting people with lymphoma and their loved ones, and the next generation of scientists. Although significant progress has been made, we are not curing everybody, nor are we helping everyone to live to their best potential. We need to continue to conduct research until that happens, and LRF is the driving force to accelerating cures as well as ensuring that no one faces this disease alone."



Sonali M. Smith, MD, FASCO The University of Chicago Chair, LRF Scientific Advisory Board

OUR IMPACT

With a patient-focused approach and unique access to lymphoma experts, the Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the organization of choice for businesses, foundations, and individuals looking to make an impact in the pursuit of cures for lymphoma.

Our exceptional education resources for the lymphoma community and investment in the most promising research have cemented us as a trusted resource and respected partner among lymphoma patients and their loved ones, researchers, clinicians, and policymakers.

"Through the Lymphoma Research Foundation, I've learned that sharing my story makes a tremendous impact and is a unique way of addressing the immediate need of someone newly diagnosed—the need for hope. By connecting with patients, I can help calm some of their anxiety. I've also learned so much about research. The lymphoma I have is so rare, yet it amazes me the amount of research being done, due largely to the work of LRF. The Foundation saves lives in so many ways."



Shelia Johnson Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma Survivor

ACHIEVEMENTS

Research

- Funded 29 new grants—including 14 scholars in the newly expanded Lymphoma Scientific Research Mentoring
 Program (LSRMP)—enabling early-career scientists to maintain a research focus on lymphoma.
- Convened the first-ever Transformed Lymphomas Scientific Workshop, bringing together a select group of experts in chronic lymphocytic leukemia/Richter's transformation, transformed follicular lymphoma, and transformed marginal zone lymphomas, to discuss pressing issues in research and development of better treatment strategies for patients.
- Established the **COVID-19 and Lymphoma Initiative** to regularly convene a panel of experts in the fields of lymphoma, epidemiology, infectious disease, and public health to contribute to the body of evidence on this important subject and bring attention to the needs of the lymphoma community.
- Launched the **Health Equity Initiative** with the goal of removing barriers and creating opportunities so that researchers and clinicians can pursue—and every person can access—quality healthcare.
- Jacob Soumerai, MD, of Massachusetts General Hospital presented data at the 2021 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting and Exposition. This study, funded in part by LRF, showed that minimal residual disease (MRD) kinetics is a good predictor of achievement and durability of undetectable MRD with BOVen treatment in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).



Education & Support

- Served more than 2.5 million people through education programs, digital resources, and support services.
- Launched Lymphoma.org en Espanol and expanded our lymphoma education resources and programming to address the language and ethnic discordance seen in existing disease materials and other resources that create barriers to effective communication of lymphoma information for the Spanish-speaking community.
- Provided more than 70 free patient and professional education programs, ensuring patients and their loved ones have the most up-to-date information on their type of lymphoma, and practicing physicians stay up to date on issues specific to the diagnosis and treatment of their lymphoma patients.
- The LRF Helpline supported nearly 20,000 people, offering patients, survivors, and caregivers resources and services in a critical time of need.
- The Lymphoma Support Network grew to more than 7,000 volunteers who share their lymphoma stories and provide peer support to patients and their loved ones.



Awareness & Advocacy

- Mobilized LRF Advocates to raise their collective voices in support of greater investment in cancer research. Congress listened, allocating \$6.56 billion to the National Cancer Institute (NCI)—a \$119 million increase over the fiscal year 2020 regular and Cancer Moonshot appropriations.
- Joined blood cancer organizations to urge the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prioritize the COVID-19 vaccination for blood cancer patients and other immunocompromised people.
- **Reached more than 30 million people through** *Light it Red for Lymphoma*, our LRF Blood Cancer Awareness Month Initiative.
- More than 3,000 people nationwide joined Team LRF to raise funds to support life-saving research and provide hope to all those impacted by lymphoma.



FINDING OPPORTUNITY: **RESEARCH**

We are privileged to work with the leading minds in lymphoma research—our elite Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), which guides our research programs. These dedicated experts convene annually to help us find opportunities where the Lymphoma Research Foundation can make the biggest impact—from investing in the best and brightest researchers, to facilitating collaboration and partnerships among academic scientists, clinicians, and government and regulatory agencies to discuss the state of lymphoma research and patient care.



GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC IMPACT

Through our global lymphoma consortia, research initiatives, and scientific workshops, we mobilize the research community to overcome systemic challenges and accelerate the development of new treatments for lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

In March 2021, we convened experts in the fields of lymphoma, epidemiology, infectious disease, and public health for the inaugural COVID-19 and Lymphoma Panel. The purpose of the panel was to discuss the state of research regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and people with lymphoma. Proceedings from the panel regarding future areas of discovery and scientific research influenced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) vaccine recommendations for immunocompromised people, providing better guidance for lymphoma patients and their loved ones. Due to the astounding impact of the inaugural panel and rapidly shifting pandemic, the COVID-19 and Lymphoma Panel began to meet monthly in Fall 2021 to stay on the cutting edge and ensure the needs of the lymphoma community are met.

Awarded 29 RESEARCH GRANTS totaling more than \$2 MILLION



Transformed lymphomas are typically associated with the rapid progression of CLL and often have a poor prognosis. The underlying biology of transformation is not fully understood, and there are limited educational resources and clinical trials dedicated to this patient population.

In August 2021, we convened a select group of researchers, regulatory officials, and industry representatives for the inaugural Transformed Lymphomas Scientific Workshop to discuss pressing issues with CLL, Richter's transformation, transformed follicular lymphoma (FL), and transformed marginal zone lymphoma (MZL). Recommendations from this two-day virtual program will profoundly inform research, the development of better treatment strategies, and educational programming—providing a huge step forward in supporting those impacted by this disease.

COMMITMENT TO EARLY-CAREER SCIENTISTS

In 2021, we awarded 29 research grants, totaling more than \$2 million, to early-career scientists—the only private foundation to do so in 2021. Our grantee class represents the world's leading cancer research institutions in North America, covering various disease subtypes, treatments, and cohorts, including T-cell lymphomas, B-cell lymphomas, adolescent and young adult lymphoma, and chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy. Among this class are translational researchers in the newly expanded Lymphoma Scientific Research Mentoring Program (LSRMP). The addition of a translational track in the LSRMP will foster and develop the next generation of laboratory and translational researchers, bridge the network among clinical researchers, and provide them with the tools and knowledge needed to develop successful clinical trials in lymphoma.

MEET OUR **GRANTEES**



Pamela B. Allen, MD Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD Lymphoma Focus: Mycosis fungoides, primary cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, Sézary syndrome



Tomohiro Aoki, PhD BC Cancer Research Centre LRF SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Hodgkin lymphoma



Elena Battistello, PhD NYU Grossman School of Medicine POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: T-cell lymphoma



David A. Bond, MD The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center ERIC COHEN DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma



Lydie Debaize, PhD Dana-Farber Cancer Institute POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: B-cell lymphoma, mantle cell lymphoma



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Zachary Epstein-Peterson, MD Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center LRF SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: T-cell lymphoma



Edmond Ferris, PhD Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: B-cell lymphoma, T-cell lymphoma







Jamie Flerlage, MD St. Jude Children's Research Hospital CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD Lymphoma Focus: Hodgkin lymphoma, pediatric and adolescent/young adult (AYA) lymphoma

Rui Guo, MS, PhD Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: Burkitt lymphoma

Rosella Marullo, MD, PhD Weill Cornell Medicine LRF SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma



Alexandre Hirayama, MD Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma



Hannah Isles, PhD Weill Cornell Medicine POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, marginal zone lymphoma

P. Connor Johnson, MD







Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center STEPHANIE A. GREGORY MD, FACP, DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma

Richa Kapoor, PhD University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: T-cell lymphoma

Niloufer Khan, MD, MS Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

LRF SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Primary cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, Sézary syndrome "The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) has been part of my lymphoma journey since day one, and I look forward to helping them make an impact on the lymphoma community. I feel confident the Runge Lymphoma Project's investment in LRF's mentoring program will prove dividends in lymphoma research."



Matt Runge, Founder of the Runge Lymphoma Project



Arushi Khurana, MBBS Mayo Clinic, Rochester CLARENCE G. HENRY, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma



Phil Lange, PhD The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill **DR. BRUCE D. CHESON FELLOW** Lymphoma Focus: Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders, Hodgkin lymphoma, Burkitt lymphoma



Luis Malpica Castillo, MD The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center CHIKE SPRINGER LEGACY SCHOLAR

Lymphoma Focus: B-cell lymphoma, T-cell lymphoma



Elisa Mandato, PhD Dana-Farber Cancer Institute POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: Hodgkin lymphoma, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma



Reid Merryman, MD Dana-Farber Cancer Institute CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD Lymphoma Focus: Hodgkin lymphoma



Coraline Mlynarczyk, PhD Weill Cornell Medicine LRF SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma, T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia



Patrizia Mondello, MD, PhD Mayo Clinic, Rochester PEYKOFF INITIATIVE SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Follicular lymphoma













Erin Mulvev, MD Weill Cornell Medicine PEYKOFF INITIATIVE SCHOLAR Lymphoma Focus: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, follicular lymphoma

Nicole Prutsch, PhD **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT Lymphoma Focus: Aggressive T-cell lymphoma, pediatric and adolescent/young adult (AYA) lymphoma

Jason Romancik, MD Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University RUNGE LYMPHOMA PROJECT SCHOLAR

Lymphoma Focus: Follicular lymphoma, marginal zone lymphoma, lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma

Marco Ruella, MD University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD Lymphoma Focus: T-cell lymphoma

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Lymphoma Focus: Non-Hodgkin B-cell lymphoma

Brian Sworder, MD, PhD Stanford University School of Medicine LRF AMBASSADOR SCHOLAR

Lymphoma Focus: Aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma



FINDING OPPORTUNITY: **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

At the core of our mission is our commitment to empowering patients with the knowledge and support they need to make informed decisions about their care. Just as we've found opportunities to connect the scientific community and expand our impact in research, we've led the way toward improved education and patient and caregiver support.

In this era of ever-evolving treatment paradigms coupled with the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to provide support and the latest evidence-based information to patients and their loved ones is even more critical.



EXPANDING REACH THROUGH VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

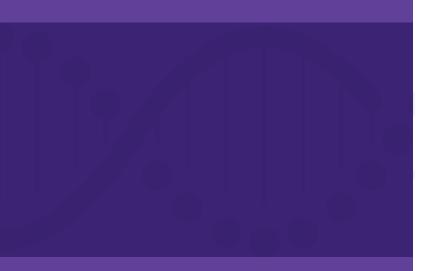
Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we quickly responded to ensure the lymphoma community still had access to the latest research and treatment information related to their disease. In 2021, we offered more than **70 patient and professional education programs virtually, all including critical updates on the COVID-19 virus and vaccines**, and we served more than 2 million people through our virtual education programming and digital resources. Our webinar on updates from the 2020 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Meeting and Exposition provided more than 1,000 attendees an opportunity to receive updates on pivotal research studies straight from experts in the field.

CONNECTING THE LYMPHOMA COMMUNITY

A lymphoma diagnosis can bring many emotions and challenges, and we are here to make sure no one goes through their journey alone. In 2021, our Lymphoma Support Network (LSN) grew by more than 20 percent, offering more one-to-one peer support to people with lymphoma and their caregivers. More than 7,000 lymphoma survivors and caregivers are part of our LSN community to connect with others, share their personal stories, and offer emotional support.

EASING THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF TREATMENT

Compared to 10 years ago, lymphoma patients are receiving more expensive chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and other new treatments. Add the financial challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought, patients and their loved ones are dealing with a financial impact never seen before. In 2021, we provided more than 650 grants through our Patient Aid Grant program, a 50 percent increase over last year. This program is powered entirely through support from individuals and private foundations who want to pay it forward and support patients during a time of need.





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FINDING OPPORTUNITY: **HEALTH EQUITY**

Achieving health equity requires the removal of barriers and the creation of opportunities so that every person has access to quality healthcare and the means to be as healthy as possible. We have witnessed this firsthand in service to people with lymphoma and their loved ones.

Our Health Equity Initiative aims to address these barriers and champion systemic changes to the way we educate and inform the lymphoma community. Through guidance from our Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and partnerships with community organizations and corporations, we've made great strides in 2021 in delivering excellent and evidence-based information to patients in underrepresented and underserved populations and in fostering a more inclusive research community.

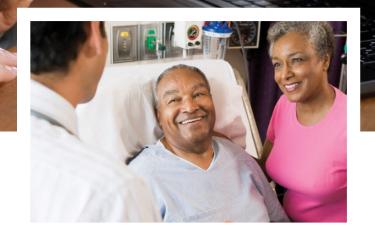




COMMUNITY-BASED, PATIENT-CENTERED EDUCATION

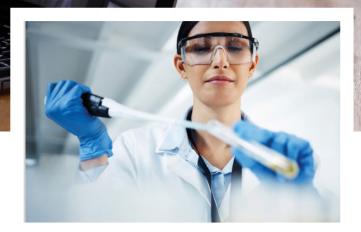
Recognizing that patients rely heavily on information available to them to maintain their health and their families' health, it is crucial to ensure that such resources are culturally appropriate, produced in multiple languages, and made available to patients and their loved ones where they are and feel most comfortable receiving such information. In 2021, we developed education programs and resources in Spanish, including a website, disease-specific fact sheets, and virtual education programs. These materials help the Spanish-speaking community learn about the diagnosis and treatment of lymphoma from experts and provide access to critical support services, including financial and clinical trial search assistance.

Funded 6 RESEARCHERS through the HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE in 2021



DIVERSITY IN CLINICAL TRIALS

The COVID-19 pandemic showed how various segments of Americans (racial and ethnic minorities, young people, the elderly, etc.) are impacted differently, and so too is the need to prioritize education and opportunities for these groups. This is true in the case of clinical trials, which are critical to advancing new therapies for the treatment of lymphoma. In 2021, we prioritized awareness and education around clinical trials by spotlighting information on the topic and on our multilingual Clinical Trials Information Service in all education programs and materials. As a result, the Clinical Trials Information Service witnessed a 61 percent increase in searches compared to the previous year. In addition to educating patients on clinical trials, we prioritized funding research focused on understanding the drivers of disparities in lymphoma.



REPRESENTATION IN BLOOD CANCER RESEARCH AND CLINICAL CARE

Despite decades of workforce diversity efforts, diversification in medical subspecialties like lymphoma research and clinical care remains a challenge. Long-standing institutional traditions and policies that result in inequity create barriers for underrepresented groups in advancing their medical careers. In 2021, we continued our focus on ensuring the best and the brightest scientists remain in the field of lymphoma research and also on advancing advancing opportunities for early-career scientists. As a result, 60 percent of our 2021 Clinical Career Development Award (CDA) and Postdoctoral Fellowship grantees are women.

FINANCIALS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

	 Net assets release from restrictions 		_
REVENUES	Contributions an	d grants \$3.6 million [36%]	
	Special events ar	nd revenue \$2.2 million [22%]	
	Research	\$3.8 million [56%]	
PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENSES	 Education progra and patient servi 	ams \$1.8 million ces [26%]	
	 Communications and advocacy 	s \$1.2 million [18%]	
	Program services	s \$6.8 million [74%]	
EXPENSES	Fundraising	\$1.6 million [17%]	
	Administration	\$827 thousand [9%]	

The Condensed Balance Sheets and Statements of Activities of the Lymphoma Research Foundation as of June 30, 2021, and 2020 have been derived from Lymphoma Research Foundation's audited financial statements. The Lymphoma Research Foundation's complete set of audited financial statements and related information can be found on the Lymphoma Research Foundation's website, lymphoma.org/annualreport. The Financial Statements have been audited by KPMG LLP.

LYMPHOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORTS

(in thousands) as of June 30, 2021

ASSETS	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,490
Investments	20,747
Contributions and grants receivable	4,580
Prepaid expenses and other assets	390
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 31,207

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		2021
Research grants payable		3,199
Refundable advances		766
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		412
Accrued salaries and vacation		211
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	4,588
Unrestricted net assets		5,562
Temporarily restricted net assets	_	21,057
TOTAL NET ASSETS		26,619
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$		31,207

LYMPHOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

(in thousands) as of June 30, 2021

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUES	2021
Special events revenues & contributions	\$ 5,726
Investments & other income	100
CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUES	\$ 5,826
Net assets released from restrictions	4,265
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUES	\$ 10,091

Program services	\$ 6,793
Supporting services	2,420
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,213
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 878
INCREASE IN TEMPORARY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 7,029
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 7,907

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