



Start Making  
**The Difference.**

*Leukemia Texas is a platinum rated organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of those with leukemia through the funding of research and patient aid in Texas.*





## You Can Be **The Difference.**

On behalf of the Leukemia Texas Board of Trustees and staff, we are delighted to share the history and details of our important and critical organization. We are committed to our mission to fight leukemia in the great state of Texas.

Leukemia Texas, a nationally recognized 501 (c) (3) organization, is a leader in providing leukemia patient aid and funding research dollars in Texas. We are supported entirely by volunteers and organizations like you. We are extremely grateful for the good will and generosity you provide as our partners.

The late M. T. “Buddy” Minyard, founded Leukemia Texas to honor the memory of his beloved wife, Clairene, who died of leukemia in 1967. His vision was to establish a nonprofit organization to combat the disease, and to help patients and families. Minyard hoped his efforts and those of his fledgling organization, would expedite the discovery of a cure for leukemia. From our humble beginnings 48 years ago, Leukemia Texas has grown to serve thousands of Texans and has awarded over \$8.6 million in research and patient aid.

As Chief Executive Officer of Leukemia Texas, I invite you to learn more about our organization and to become involved in our programs and events.

As we continue to grow and seek innovative ways to provide increased patient aid and research dollars, Leukemia Texas is looking for people and organizations that are willing to support our mission. By partnering with Leukemia Texas, you are investing in a vital, life-saving cause and joining together with thousands of Texans to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to Leukemia Texas.

Together we can beat leukemia!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Mandy O'Neill  
Chief Executive Officer, Leukemia Texas



## We are the only organization of its kind in Texas, where **100% of Our Funds Remain in Texas.**

### About Leukemia Texas

Leukemia Texas' volunteers and governing Board of Trustees are comprised of men and women hailing from across the state. Members range from financial & corporate leaders, physicians, philanthropists, leukemia survivors and others who are passionate about Leukemia Texas' mission. We are working hard to make an impact. Leukemia Texas staff is small and we take pride in keeping our expenses low.

Leukemia Texas exists because of the passion and generosity of individuals who care deeply about our critical mission. We are able to make a difference in the world, because of people like you. So, please consider a financial contribution of any amount. Thank you for your generosity to give where you live. Together we can save more lives and beat leukemia!

### Our History

Leukemia Texas celebrates 48 years as an independent 501c3 nonprofit corporation. Leukemia Texas is not affiliated with any other leukemia, health or nonprofit organization and does not receive government funding. The majority of funds are raised through annual special events as well as by individual contributors and corporate sponsors.

### Patient Aid

In Texas, leukemia patients who are under the care of a physician and who need financial help, may apply to the Leukemia Texas Patient Aid program, which awards up to \$1250 per year of financial assistance for necessary expenses not covered by insurance or other third parties. Patients who are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to submit via mail, e-mail, or fax, a completed Patient Aid Application. This program is available to patients under the care of a licensed physician for the treatment of leukemia and who are United States citizens and legal residents of the state of Texas.

### Research

Leukemia strikes people of all ages, races and genders. However, incredible progress has been made through research in the treatment of this disease.

Depending upon the specific diagnosis, as many as 70-90% of children and 50% of adults have the potential for long term survival.

Research supported by Leukemia Texas contributes to a better understanding of these diseases and an improved outlook for cure.

# Our current program awards up to \$1250 per patient. **More than any other organization in the state of Texas.**

## OUR PROGRAMS

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### Patient Aid Program

Through its Patient Aid program, Leukemia Texas provides direct financial assistance to leukemia patients in Texas, who need help paying for prescribed treatment expenses left uncovered by insurance. Leukemia Texas Patient Aid serves hundreds of individuals ranging in age from 2 months to 83 years of age. The program has grown significantly since its inception. We currently award up to \$1,250 per year per patient in the program, ten times more than any other organization in the state. Leukemia Texas does not discriminate based upon age, race, gender, or creed.

### Research Grant Funding

Leukemia Texas has taken an active role in contributing to the successes that research has achieved. Leukemia Texas awards grants for research conducted in Texas to develop new and improved methods of treatment, which may ultimately lead to a cure for leukemia. Leukemia Texas has awarded grants for research conducted at Cook Children's Medical Center, Baylor Research Institute, UT Southwestern Medical Center, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas Tech University Health Science Center and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Results of this research have been published in prestigious journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, The Lancet, Journal of Clinical Oncology, Tissue Antigens, Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation and Hematology/Oncology Clinics of North America. These findings have also been presented at the National Marrow Donor Program Conference, American Society of Hematology Annual Conference, Annual HLA Advanced Technical Workshop, and the Annual Conference on the Gene Therapy of Cancer.



*For families dealing with the physical, emotional, and financial burdens of leukemia, there are few places to turn to for help. Leukemia Texas, provides direct financial assistance to leukemia patients and their families to help with the high cost of leukemia treatment and access to care.*

*Kaitlyn's parents know first-hand the effects of leukemia. When their 18-month-old baby was diagnosed with leukemia in November 2011, their world was turned upside down. Upon being diagnosed, Kaitlyn immediately started treatment- not only an aggressive protocol but also an expensive one at that. Even with insurance, her parents were struggling with the expenses but they had to push through - there is no holding back in the fight against cancer. With help from their community, they found Leukemia Texas and through the Patient Aid Program, Kaitlyn's family received \$1,000 to assist with treatment expenses.*

*For the next two years, Kaitlyn continued her intense protocol and her health began to improve. On March 7, 2014, Kaitlyn received her last dose of chemotherapy and is well on her way to being cancer-free. Leukemia Texas is proud to stand next to Kaitlyn and her family in their fight against leukemia- offering support and hope to families in need.*



# Join us as we celebrate and support the **life-saving mission** and the research and patient aid programs of Leukemia Texas.

## OUR EVENTS

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### **Fly Fore Leukemia**

Why golf local when you can golf with the biggest and brightest leaders across the state. Fly Fore Leukemia is a world-class event that takes 108 golfers from DFW via private, chartered plane to Las Vegas to golf at the legendary Shadow Creek Golf Course and overnight at the Bellagio, a Five Diamond Resort and Casino. Golf pros and other celebrities join guests for a VIP trip of a lifetime while raising important funds.

### **Concert for a Cure - both in Dallas and Houston**

The Concert for a Cure is an energetic evening filled with lively entertainment and tantalizing appetizers by local favorite cuisine. Guests have the opportunity network, relax, and also receive cheek swabs that assist in finding and matching bone marrow donors.

### **BEATLeukemia Ball**

There are many charitable events deserving of support, but only one is this much fun! The BeatLeukemia Ball is the organization's signature fundraiser. Guests of all ages travel from many locations to attend this fun event.

Our featured entertainment is "The Fab Four," the ultimate tribute to the Beatles – guaranteed to get you dancing and singing along! This internationally known band performs The Beatles' music to perfection and you will experience a "Magical Mystery Tour" through the greatest songs of the most successful recording act in music history.



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