

LUPUS FOUNDATION OF COLORADO

2009-10 ANNUAL REPORT



The mission of the Lupus Foundation of Colorado is to improve the quality of life for people living with Lupus by advancing the community education and awareness; by providing patient and family services; by promoting research for the prevention, early diagnosis, effective treatment and discovery of a cure to the disease; and by advocating for patients, family and community.

A LOOK BACK AT 2009-10 WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE...

This report highlights some of accomplishments of the Foundation during the 2009-10 fiscal year. Additional information on our work, activities and opportunities can be found by visiting our web site at www.lupuscolorado.org



*Collaboration, Partnerships and Alliances were integral to the work of the Foundation throughout the year. LFC is a founding member of the Chronic Care Collaborative (CCC), a group of 24 organizations representing the 1 in 4 Coloradans living with chronic disease. Through the education and advocacy efforts of the Collaboration, notable actions in the legislative session lead to changes assuring those participating in a clinical trial they would not lose their private insurance benefits. In addition, presumptive eligibility was established which allows those who need Medicaid services to receive them at the moment they document their need. Both issues were passed and signed.



Through the Collaboration, LFC is represented on The Voice for Chronic Disease Interests in Policy and Administrative Arenas, the Center for Improving the Value in Health Care, the Long-Term Care Advisory Committee and the SSI-SSDI Initiative. All of these efforts are aimed at helping those living with chronic illness have access to services and to assure the fair representation of issues critical to health and well being of our clients.

"Thank you for the excellent job you do, not just for the patient who is affected by lupus, but also with the education for family members. What a wonderful service you provide!"

- Jeri Bingham



Outreach activities continue to play an important role in our efforts to implement our mission. A new feature of the program was an effort to educate elected officials and the public via special Health Care Forums held in 12 locations throughout Colorado with the participation of 19 State Legislators. LFC hosted forums in Canon City, Aurora, Centennial and Colorado Springs. A cadre of LFC volunteers ensured our presence at over 20 9Health Fairs throughout the state during the month of April.



LFC is also an active member of the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, a state-wide group with a mission of advocacy for barrier-free access to quality, affordable health care. And, is a long-time member of Community Health Charities, an umbrella organization providing an avenue to increase workplace awareness and giving for non-profit organizations representing those living with life threatening diseases.

The LFC Health Advisory Board made up of medical professionals with a special interest in lupus, developed a plan to assist the Foundation in providing information via webinars and to host at least one evening for clients to call-in and talk with a doctor about their disease.

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Donor support and fund raising provide the dollars needed to serve our clients. Vines of Hope, a wine tasting event supported by a cadre of volunteers, highlights the need for research and puts a spotlight on the struggles, dreams and aspirations of those living with the disease. Supporting research was at the heart of the second annual fundraiser sponsored by Mancinelli's Auto Repair. Customers who agreed to donate \$5 to the LFC qualified for a contribution of 5% of the bill from Mancinelli's to raise money for research. In 2009, Mancinelli's effort topped the previous year by \$1,600 in spite of the economic downturn.

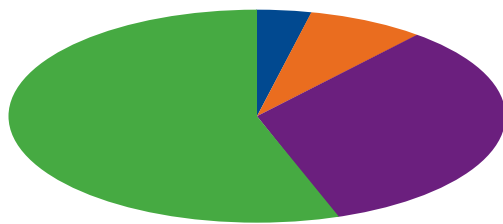
LFC received its second Energy Outreach Colorado grant to help individuals living with Lupus pay their energy bills. In addition to energy assistance, LFC gave emergency assistance grants to help individuals pay for medical visits, lab tests, medications, rent and transportation expenses. An average of three individuals a month received an emergency assistance grant – a total of \$13,000 was awarded.

LFC is working to keep up with communication trends, a new Facebook page has been created, email-blasts are used as often as possible, the website updated with more information and even an interactive presentation on Lupus.

The Board of Directors once again, voted to send a contribution to the Lupus Research Institute to further their work for novel research. A difficult decision in tough economic times, still imperative to support our members because without research there is no hope.

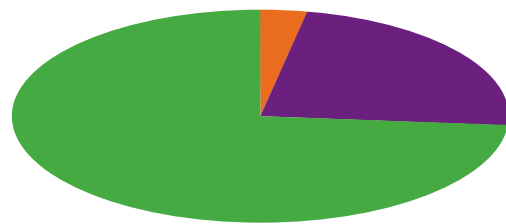
Lupus Foundation of Colorado Revenue and Expense FY 2009-10

Revenue Sources



- Earned - 56%
- Contributions - 35%
- Grants - 6%
- Investments - 3%

Expense Allocation



- Program/Emergency Assistance - 77%
- Administration - 18%
- Fund Raising - 5%



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