

not all heroes
wear capes...



... be a cancer hero

MISSION

At Lazarex Cancer Foundation, we strive to improve cancer health outcomes, FDA cancer clinical trial diversity and enrollment, and patient access to care by providing assistance with clinical trial navigation, reimbursing trial related travel costs, and partnering with at-risk communities to mobilize resources.

VISION

The vision of Lazarex Cancer Foundation is that everyone affected by cancer will have hope, dignity, support and the most advanced treatments made available to them at all stages of their journey.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa



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A Message from Dana



2021 USHERED IN THE SECOND YEAR of pandemic adjustments for Lazarex Cancer Foundation. The organization continued to adapt to the “new normal” of ever-changing guidelines and challenges. Most employees continued to work from home except for our essential patient services team, and, as a result, we downsized to a smaller office.

Despite the challenges that the pandemic presented, our programs continued to grow. We were able to keep our staff, hire an additional program manager, and, we not only continued to support the patients we had committed to, but the total number of patients that we served was higher than in any previous year.

If there is anything I hope you take away, even if you only read this letter, it is that you made this possible. Lazarex is a publicly funded nonprofit organization and as such, we rely on donations, grants, and sponsorships to fulfill our mission. Even in a year such as 2021, you touched many lives, and that generosity goes beyond the funds that were given. The energy of that support was a wave of grace from a community where strangers help each other. It was a measure of confidence in Lazarex and our mission. Beyond the numbers, your support personally touched the lives of the 1,247 patients (and their families) in ways that are immeasurable and leave a legacy of hope for future advances in cancer treatment and the people who will need them.



DANA DORNSIFE
Founder and CEO Lazarex Cancer Foundation

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“We’ve been fighting insurance and dealing with other stress so it was such a relief when Lazarex was there for us. We are 28 months into a disease that has an average lifespan of 14 to 15 months. We’ve been able to get precious time.”

-Leslie H. (wife of VIP Shanti)



Shanti and Leslie were tired of navigating insurance issues and other stressors.

Patient Stories

Traveling eight hours round trip twice a month was a deal breaker for Cassandra. She says the financial burden felt like a second cancer.



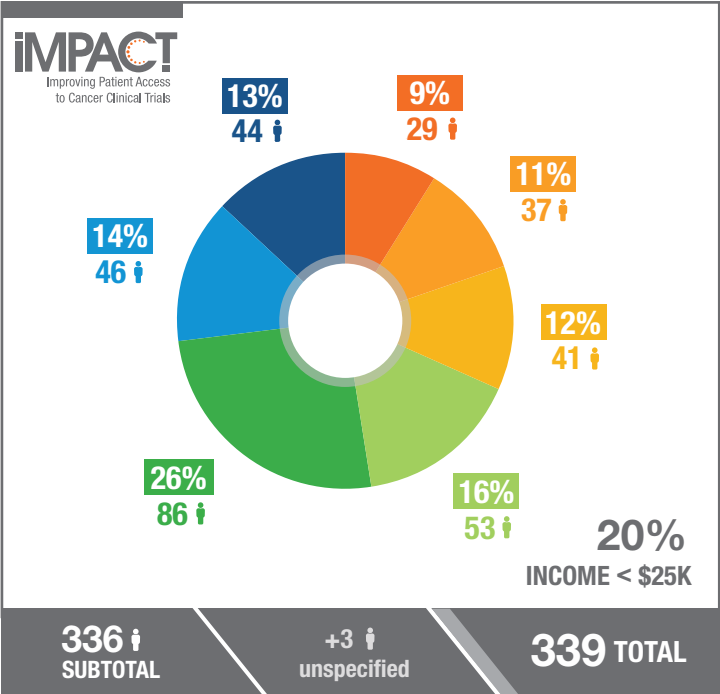
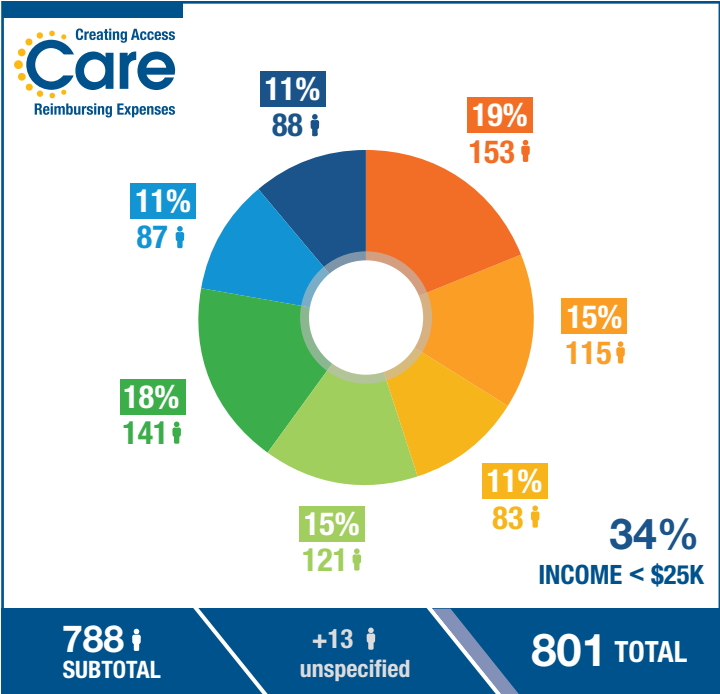
“Once I connected with Lazarex, I could breathe. They made me feel I mattered. Every person I spoke to at Lazarex was kind-hearted, and it impacted my mental psyche.”

-Cassandra

Lazarex covers travel expenses for companions to accompany patients, when needed, to their clinical trial treatments so they have a support network with them.

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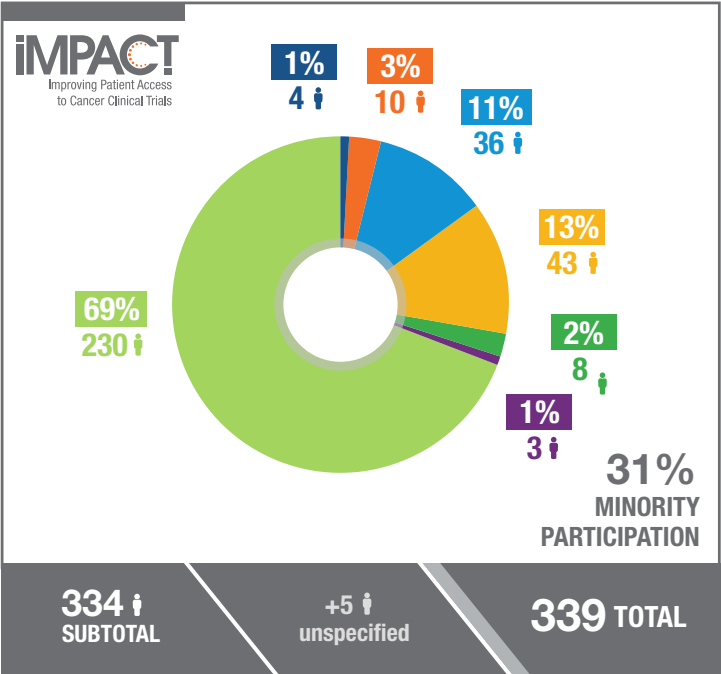
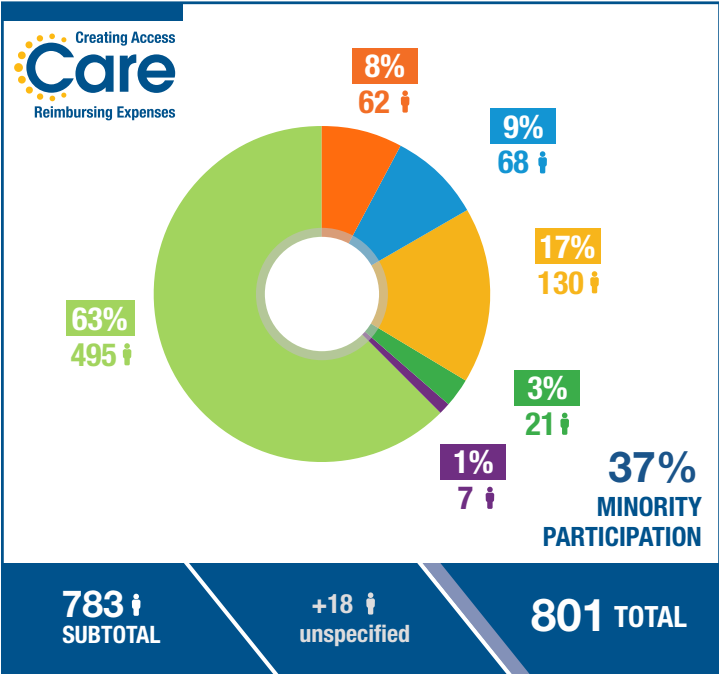
2021 Participant Household Income



Income Range	■ \$15,000 - \$24,999	■ \$35,000 - \$49,999	■ \$75,000 - \$99,999
■ Less than \$15,000	■ \$25,000 - \$34,999	■ \$50,000 - \$74,999	■ More than \$100,000

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2021 Participant Demographics



American Indian/Alaska Native Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian Black/African American Hispanic/Latino Multi-Ethnic White Other

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Patient Stories

“After 7 or 8 days of driving three hours each way, Lazarex offered to reimburse me for my travel. That not only meant mileage, it also meant I could stay the night in San Diego, get some rest, focus on my health, and not be on the road if that’s what I needed. I was overwhelmed and grateful. It was a big relief getting that reimbursement check.”

-Tommie H. (Lazarex VIP)



Tommie was overwhelmed and on the road constantly.

Amy started receiving financial help in the form of travel reimbursements for her gas, parking and hotel in Philly, Lazarex also provides companion reimbursements, which means Amy’s dad could travel with her as her caregiver, something that Amy had desperately wanted but couldn’t afford.



“Lazarex Cancer Foundation is doing things that are helping me stay alive. I’ve tried to write notes – but how do you even thank someone for that?”

-Amy W.

Lazarex IMPACT (Improving Patient Access to Cancer Clinical Trials) offers patients in participating cancer centers the option of travel reimbursements at the time of trial enrollment, removing this barrier to equitable access and increasing both participation and diversity.

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“It always seems impossible until it's done.”

Nelson Mandela



Wings of Love

Reimbursement for flights, including a companion, if needed.



Fueling Hope

Reimbursement for gas to drive to a clinical trial location and for parking and tolls.



Home Away From Home

Reimbursement for lodging close to the clinical trial center.



Give Hope a Ride

Reimbursement for car rentals, taxis, shuttles, buses, train and car services.

2021 By the Numbers

1247

Patients helped
in 2021

803

CARE Patients

339

IMPACT Patients

105

Navigation Patients

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Introducing the... Lazarex Cancer Wellness HUB

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The Lazarex Cancer Wellness HUB aspires to change the way communities think about cancer, and the actions to take to reduce cancer burden and achieve health equity.

MILESTONES

- Hired Dr. Marya Shegog as Health Equity and Diversity Coordinator.
- Active HUBs in Philadelphia with **Drexel University** and in Los Angeles with **USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center**.



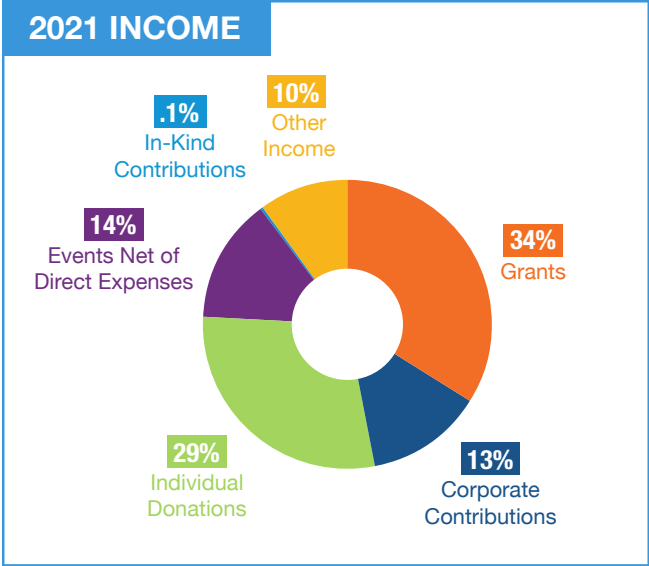
Your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that every human life is of inestimable value.

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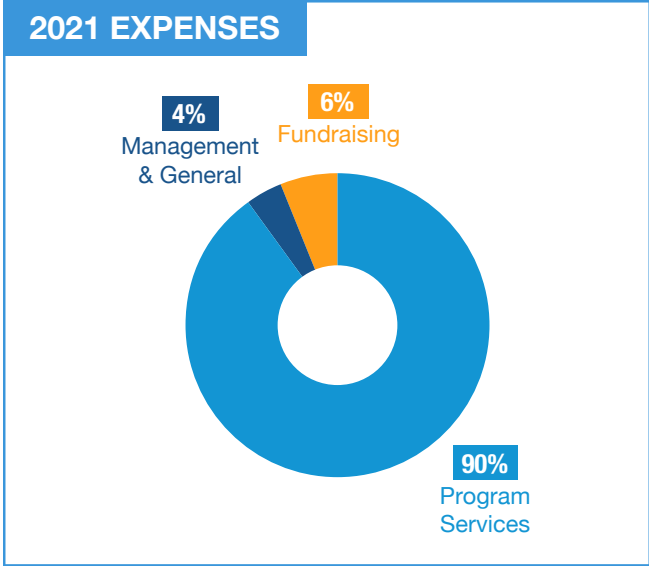


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Financials



Grants	\$ 879,669
Corporate Contributions	\$ 328,417
Individual Donations	\$ 761,966
Events Net of Direct Expenses	\$ 363,291
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 2,643
Other Income	\$ 257,979
TOTAL	\$2,593,965



Program Services	\$2,961,795
Management & General	\$ 136,234
Fundraising	\$ 182,324
TOTAL	\$3,280,353

TOTAL INCOME: \$2,593,965 TOTAL EXPENSES: \$3,280,353

Percentage of donations applied directly to program services: **90%**

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*Grants received in previous years were used to offset program expenses.

2021 Milestones

Disrupting the System IV

Hosted by Lazarex Cancer Foundation; Sponsored by Medidata; Broadcast live from Washington, DC. on June 15, 2021.

The 4th Annual Disrupting the System Summit brought together disruptors, innovators and change makers in oncology and patient advocacy all united in one goal: searching for solutions to better level the playing field when it comes to cancer health disparities, patient access and cancer health outcomes.

Massachusetts Bill S2984

Proposed by Lazarex Cancer Foundation, S2984 was signed into law by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. Thanks to this piece of legislation, reimbursement of travel or other costs related to participating in a clinical trial will no longer be considered an inappropriate incentive to participate.

Legislation

Awards

Diablo Magazine Threads of Hope Award 2021

Redefining American Healthcare Award 2021

Points of Light Inspiration Honor Roll 2021

Awards

Recognition

Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Non-Profit for 2021

Charity Navigator 4 Star Rating awarded (2021)

Guidestar Platinum Seal awarded (2021)

Recognition

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“Lazarex is doing incredible work in our community. I have seen how they are helping people who are battling cancer and I have personally donated because I believe so strongly in their mission. Lazarex is the only organization doing what they do - helping late-stage cancer patients find and get to clinical trials that could extend or even save their lives. More people need to know about their good work.”

Joan Evans
Donor

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