

# Ladies Auxiliary VFW

Cancer Aid & Research Fund Since 1947



*The members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW have been raising money to fund cancer research and assist members battling cancer since 1947. Join us in the fight against this disease.*

## MILLIONS DONATED

In 1947, the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, sustained heavy damage in a fire. Then-National President Dorothy Mann heard of their plight and pledged \$60,000 to help rebuild the laboratory, which went on to create a reputation for breakthrough research in many areas, including cancer.

The Jackson Lab was a main recipient of research dollars for several years, and the money allotted to the National President for research grants steadily grew. Eventually, it became a tradition for the National President to donate to an accredited research facility in both her home state and in the host state of her National Convention. Currently, the National President may give up to \$200,000 to accredited cancer research facilities across the country.

Since 1947...

★ **TOTAL DONATED TO FACILITIES: \$5.6 million**

*In addition to what the National President donates, Departments are awarded a percentage of their donations to return to cancer research facilities in their states.*

## THOUSANDS HELPED

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW wasn't satisfied with just giving to research facilities, not when its own members were struggling to fight the disease in their day-to-day lives. National President Ethel Griffith saw an immediate need the organization could fulfill. In 1951, the first Cancer Grant was awarded to a member battling cancer.

Given in three amounts, Cancer Grants help members with the expenses of treating cancer. The Council of Administration set the rules by which the grants are distributed, and members are allowed two grants per lifetime. Junior Girls may also receive a Cancer Grant.

Since 1952...

★ **TOTAL AMOUNT TO HELP MEMBERS: \$61 million**



## RESEARCH FELLOWS

In addition to supporting research efforts at specific facilities, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW also awards a two-year \$100,000 Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to a promising researcher. A panel of physicians and researchers reviews the applications and selects the doctor with the most innovative and promising ideas. To learn more, go to our Web site and look under "Cancer Aid & Research."

We've given to more than 100 research centers such as...

- The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN
- Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO
- Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, Rochester, MN

Our Annual Goal:  
**\$3,000,000**

For 17 consecutive years, the Ladies Auxiliary raised \$3 million annually. Members now aim for this every year. Since 1947, members have raised more than \$100 million.