Educational Grants & Scholarships Given Since 1999

To help increase awareness and education throughout the country, LDA believes it is essential to work with and assist other Lyme organizations.

PURPOSES

Publications – includes (Lyme Times, The Basics, TX Lyme Disease brochure)
Billboard
Curriculum project
Meetings
Websites
Distribution of materials to school nurses
Projects in the schools
Support medical conferences including Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits
Symposia

PLACES: 23 STATES / 2 COUNTRIES

CA, CO, CT, FL, IA, IL, KS, LA, MA, ME, MO, MD, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, TX, GA, VA, VT/ UK
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1. **Maine 2019** – Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education Maine (2019 Educational Conference)
2. **Massachusetts 2019** – Katherine Murray Leisure, MD (2019 CME Dinner Symposium)
3. **Ohio 2019** – NE Ohio Lyme Disease Foundation
4. **Vermont 2019** – VT Lyme.org
5. **Kansas 2019** – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City
6. **Connecticut 2019** – Lyme Connection
7. **Pennsylvania 2019** – Southeastern Pennsylvania Lyme Disease Association
8. **Colorado 2018** – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
9. **Kansas 2018** – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City (NEW) (COMPLETED)
10. **Maine 2018** – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
11. **Maine 2018** – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
12. **New York 2018** – Lyme West NY (NEW) (BILLBOARD COMPLETED)
13. **Vermont 2018** – VT Lyme.org (NEW)
14. **Ohio 2018** – NE Ohio Lyme Foundation (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
15. **Texas 2017** – University of Texas Dallas online education (ONGOING)
16. **Pennsylvania 2017** – Allegheny Health CME conference (NEW)
17. **New York 2017** – Lyme Society conference (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
18. **Maine 2017** – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
19. **Colorado 2017** – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
20. Kansas 2017 – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City, for schools and other educational programs (NEW)
22. Maine 2017 – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
23. California 2017 – LymeDisease.org, Education grant (COMPLETED)
25. Colorado 2017 – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
26. Kansas 2017 – Lyme Association of greater Kansas City, for schools and other educational programs (NEW)
27. Maine 2016 – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)
28. Colorado 2016 – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association, Tick-borne disease forum (COMPLETED)
29. Kansas 2016 – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City (COMPLETED)
30. Minnesota 2016 – Partnership for Tick-Borne Diseases Education, for CME Provider for 1000 brochure printing (COMPLETED)
31. Maryland 2015 – Harford Cnty Lyme Disease Support Grp, Inc., Education grant (COMPLETED)
32. Maine 2015 – Mountain Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition, Education grant (COMPLETED)
33. Maine 2015 – Mid-Coast Lyme Disease Support & Ed., Education grant for Lyme Conference (COMPLETED)
34. Maine 2015 – Mid-Coast Lyme Disease Support & Ed., Education grant for Lyme Conference (COMPLETED)
35. Kansas 2015 – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City, Educational projects in the schools in Kansas and Missouri (COMPLETED)
36. California 2015 – LymeDisease.org, Education grant (COMPLETED)
37. New York 2015 – LDA Dr. Referral and Website grant (COMPLETED)
38. New York 2015 – LDA Dr. Referral and Website grant (COMPLETED)
40. Maryland 2015 – Information and Support Group of
Maryland, Education grant (COMPLETED)

41. **New Jersey 2015** — Central Jersey Lyme Support (Kahn) (SEMINAR COMPLETED)

42. **Illinois 2015** — Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District, tick awareness program (COMPLETED)

43. **Iowa 2014** — Lyme Disease United Coalition, Education grant (COMPLETED)

44. **California 2014** — LymeDisease.org, Education grant (COMPLETED)

45. **Connecticut 2014** — Lyme Connections, formerly Ridgefield LD Task Force, Education grant (COMPLETED)

46. **Illinois 2014** — Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District, Education Grant (COMPLETED)

47. **Kansas 2014** — Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City. Educational projects in the schools in Kansas and Missouri (COMPLETED)

48. **Maryland 2014** — Harford County Lyme Disease Support Group, Education grant (COMPLETED)

49. **Massachusetts 2014** — Patricia McCleary, SLAM, Education grant (COMPLETED, BILLBOARD)

50. **New York 2014** — LDA Dr. Referral grant (COMPLETED)

51. **New York 2014** — LDA Dr. Referral and Website grant (COMPLETED)

52. **New York 2014** — LDA Dr. Referral and Website grant (COMPLETED)

53. **Virginia 2014** — Western Tidewater Medical Reserve Group, Educational material grant (COMPLETED)

54. **Maryland 2014** — Lucy Barnes, Maryland Lyme Information and Support Group for Education purposes (COMPLETED)

55. **California 2013** — LymeDisease.org, formerly CALDA, Education grant (COMPLETED, PUBLISHED)

56. **Kansas 2013** — Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City, Educational grant (COMPLETED)

57. **Maine 2013** — Maine Lyme, Educational grant (COMPLETED)

58. **Maryland 2013** — Maryland Lyme Information and Support Group, Education grant (COMPLETED)

59. **Massachusetts 2013** — Patricia McCleary, Sturbridge Lyme Awareness Education (SLAM), Education (COMPLETED)

60. **Minnesota 2013** — Minnesota Lyme Association, Education grant (COMPLETED)

61. **New York 2013** — Columbia University, Educational grant for Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center (ONGOING)

62. **New York 2013** — LDA Dr. Referral grant (COMPLETED)
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88. **Massachusetts 2011** – Sturbridge Lyme Awareness Education (SLAM) (COMPLETED)
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90. **Maryland 2010 (& Jan 2011)** – Maryland Lyme Information and Support Group Education grant (COMPLETED)
91. **Connecticut 2010** – Friends of Ridgefield Community Programs (Education grant Returned by grantee)
93. **Minnesota 2010** – Minnesota Lyme Action Support, Education grant (COMPLETED)
94. **Kansas & Missouri 2010** – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City. Educational projects in the schools in Kansas and Missouri (COMPLETED)
95. **Pennsylvania 2010** – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., Education grant (COMPLETED)
96. **California 2010** – California Lyme Disease Association, Education grant (COMPLETED)
97. **Massachusetts 2010** – Sturbridge Lyme Awareness Education (SLAM), Educational grant (COMPLETED)
98. **Connecticut 2009** – Sandy Berenbaum, CSW-R, BCD, Judith Leventhal, PhD, Pat Exman, Education seminar presentations (COMPLETED)
99. **Georgia 2009** – Georgia Lyme Disease Association, Education (COMPLETED)
100. **New Jersey 2009** – Lyme Disease Network of NJ, East Brunswick. For continued upkeep of Lymenet.org and LymeDiseaseAssociation.org websites. (COMPLETED)
101. **California 2009** – California Lyme Disease Association, Educational sponsorships (COMPLETED)
102. **Louisiana 2009** – Karan Arrant, MSN, University of LA Monroe, *Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases in the South*, Education (COMPLETED)
103. **Pennsylvania 2009 winter** – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., Education grant for educational booklets, The Basics (COMPLETED)
104. **Pennsylvania 2009 spring** – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., Education grant for educational booklets, The Basics (COMPLETED)
105. **California 2008** – California Lyme Disease Association. Educational projects
106. **Florida 2008** – Florida Lyme Advocacy, Inc., Education website. (COMPLETED)


108. **Kansas 2008** Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City. Educational projects in the schools in Kansas and Missouri (COMPLETED)


110. **Maryland 2008** – Harford County LDSG, Inc. Education grant. (COMPLETED)

111. **Pennsylvania 2007** – Lynn Seybold BSN, RN: University of Pittsburg School of Nursing, Materials grant (COMPLETED)

112. **Oregon 2007** – Oregon Lyme Disease Network, Website upkeep (COMPLETED)


114. **Kansas 2007** – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City. Educational projects in the schools in Kansas and Missouri. (COMPLETED)

115. **California 2007** – California Lyme Disease Association. Educational projects and sponsorships (Lyme Times). (COMPLETED)


118. **Texas 2007** – Texas Lyme Disease Association. Educational grant for Texas Lyme disease brochure publication (COMPLETED PUBLISHED)

119. **New York 2007** – David Younger, MD, NYU Neuromuscular Center. Lyme Disease educational coordinator. (COMPLETED)

120. **New Jersey 2006** – Lyme Disease Network of NJ, East Brunswick. For continued upkeep of the Lymenet.org and LymeDiseaseAssociation.org websites (COMPLETED)

121. **Maryland 2006** – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society, Bethesda. For CME scientific meeting in Philadelphia. (COMPLETED)

122. **Maryland 2006** – Mid-Shore Lyme Disease Association – for an education symposium. (COMPLETED)

123. **Connecticut 2006** – Time for Lyme (TFL), Greenwich. Education/curriculum project. (COMPLETED)

124. **California 2006** – California Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (CALDA), Ukiah. Educational grant. (COMPLETED)

125. **California 2006** – California Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (CALDA), Ukiah. Educational grant.
Educational grant for Lyme Times Children’s Education issue.  (COMPLETED)

126. **California 2006** – California Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (CALDA), Ukiah. Educational grant. (COMPLETED)

127. **Florida 2005** – Florida Lyme Advocacy Network for expenses relating to educational meetings. (COMPLETED)

128. **Kansas (and Missouri) 2005** – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City (LAGKC), Overland Park. To continue to prepare educational packets including *Handbook for Prevention of Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases* to school nurses in the Kansas and Missouri schools. (COMPLETED)


133. **New Jersey 2005** – Harjit Singh, MD, FAAP, Hackettstown Regional Medical Center to support Grand Rounds: Update on Lyme Disease with Special Reference to “Chronic Lyme Disease. 1 category 1 AMA-PRA CME (COMPLETED)

134. **Maryland 2004** – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society, Inc. (ILADS). Educational grant for physicians to receive original reprints of peer reviewed guidelines for management of Lyme disease. (PRINTED & DISTRIBUTED)


137. Pennsylvania 2004 – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. (LDASEPA), educational grant to print 50,000 of its revised 4th edition educational booklet, The Basics. (PUBLISHED)


140. Kansas 2003 – Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City, packets for school nurses; LDA provided grant for material and additional printed LDA materials. (COMPLETED – DISTRIBUTED)

141. Maryland 2003 – ILADS, Education grant (COMPLETED)


143. Maryland 2003 – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society (ILADS), Education. (COMPLETED)


95 LYME CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AWARDED SINCE 2015/ Number of Recipients per State:

2019 – 30 Lyme Conference Educational Grants (States TBA)
Total $ TBA

2018 NH (4), MA (2) ME, AZ, FL (2), VT (2), OH, NY GA, CO, ME
Total $12, 217

2017 NY (4), OH, NJ (2), MA (2), ME, PA, CO, VT, MD, CA
Total $11,372.32

2016 CA, CO, ME, MD, MN (2), MO, NJ (2), NY (3), OH, VT, WA
History of Lyme Disease Association name changes
Lyme Disease Association of Central Jersey, Inc. (LDACJ) 1992
Lyme Disease Association of New Jersey, Inc. (LDANJ) 1993
Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (LDA) 2000

NOTE: This document is a work in progress. Grants are awarded based on application submission, process of expert review when required, & subject to LDA Board of Directors’ approval (all grants may not be listed).

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LDA Grants Resulting in Publications/Conferences

The LDA annually awards a number of small education grants. Sometimes they are restricted to publications or conferences. Below is a sample of those grants.

New York 1999 – Arman Manasar, DDS, Bard College: 2 Day Discussion of Most Recent Developments in Research & Clinical Management; CME, CDE, CEU credits offered
Maryland 2001 – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society, ILADS Scientific Meeting, CME credits offered

England 2003 – Lyme Society, United Kingdom; Scientific conference, PGEA approved (Medical credits offered) June 20 & 21, 2003, York St. John College, York, UK

Maryland 2003 – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society, ILADS Scientific Meeting, CME credits offered

Pennsylvania 2003 – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Basics booklet


Maryland 2005 – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society, ILADS Scientific Meeting, CME credits offered


Maryland 2006 – International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society, ILADS Scientific Meeting, CME credits offered

New Jersey 2006 – Hackettstown Community Hospital (HCH), “Lyme Disease in New Jersey;” ground rounds, 1 Category 1 Credit

Pennsylvania 2007 – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Basics booklet

Texas 2007 – Texas Lyme Disease Association, Lyme awareness brochures

California 2008 – CALDA, Lyme Times

Pennsylvania 2008 – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Basics booklet

California 2009 – CALDA, Lyme Times
Pennsylvania 2009 – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Basics booklet

Missouri 2011 – Mineral Area College, Cross-Disciplinary Vector-Borne Diseases Symposium Tick-Sampling Workshop, continuing education credits offered

Pennsylvania 2012 – Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Tick-Borne disease textbook

Connecticut 2013 – Jennifer Reid, Poster presentation on research at the International Lyme Conference in Boston

Maine 2015 – (April, May) (Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (MLDSE) 1st Annual MLDSE Conference (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Maine 2016 – Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education (MLDSE), 2nd Annual MLDSE Conference, April 30, 2016 (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Colorado 2016 – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association, 1st Rocky Mountain Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases Forum, May 7, 2016 (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Pennsylvania 2017 – Allegheny Health CME conference (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

New York 2017 – Lyme Society conference (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Maine 2017 – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (MLDSE) 2nd Annual MLDSE Conference (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Colorado 2017 – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association, 2nd Rocky Mountain Forum, June 3, 2017 (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Maine 2017 – Midcoast Lyme Disease Education & Support (MLDSE) 3rd Annual MLDSE Conference (CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

Colorado 2018 – Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness
LDA Memorializes Advocate with Education Grant

The Lyme Disease Association Board of Directors has set up an educational grant in honor of the late Dr. Lis Heininger, who was long time Chapter Chair of the Corning/Fingerlakes Area Lyme Disease Association Chapter. The grant will be awarded annually to an individual advocate or an organization that has little to no funds to operate and may face adverse personal conditions yet continues to work for the Lyme cause. This year, LDA has awarded the first Dr. Lis Heininger Memorial Education Grant to the Lyme Disease United Coalition in Iowa, whose president, Judy Weeg, has overcome tremendous obstacles yet has continued her work with the Coalition.

The idea behind the grant is to memorialize everything Dr. Heininger had done for Lyme disease in spite of the considerable obstacles thrown in her path from Lyme. Her dedication, passion, and strength are traits which helped her to educate so many people about tick-borne diseases. She impacted thousands of people with her outreach efforts and broke many barriers in the region which were impeding educational efforts.
Dr. Heininger, one of many people originally misdiagnosed with MS, was dedicated to education to prevent this tragedy from happening to others. Correctly diagnosed with chronic Lyme a decade ago, she hosted many community awareness programs, including a local Lyme disease awareness walk. She educated local Boy Scout troops, made presentations to the public, in schools and on TV. She played an important role as a chronic Lyme advocate in all levels of government and took time to meet with legislators, bringing her story, the latest research findings and her incredible determination to the forefront in an attempt to make a difference for future generations.

(For more info on Lis Click Here)

LDA & SLAM – Awareness Partners

Working with S.L.A.M., Sturbridge Lyme Awareness of Massachusetts, the Lyme Disease Association (LDA) provided a grant to S.L.A.M to have the printing done for a MA billboard. According to S.L.A.M. Founder Trish McCleary, who was responsible for getting its donation through LAMAR advertising,"This is the second year for a billboard for S.L.A.M. The billboard is located Rt. 20A opposite Rt. 291 Southbound in Springfield MA." S.L.A.M. is also spearheading ‘Ribbons Across America’ for the month of May which is an awareness campaign started by S.L.A.M. in 2009. ‘Ribbons’ includes lime green ribbons on area Town Commons, homes and businesses and serves to raise awareness of the tick-borne diseases and remember those who have lost their battle with TBD’s.

This Massachusetts billboard joins the LDA’s own Spring awareness campaign which includes the digital CBS billboard in Times Square, NY, running throughout May, June and a portion of July; several radio interviews; a TV spot; and other media interviews.
Education Advocacy for Children with Lyme

2010 Annual Conference – March 11th to 14th St. Louis, Missouri

The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)

Judith Leventhal, PhD, Patricia Exman, Education Advocate and Sandy Berenbaum, LCSW, BCD will be presenting “Complex Multi-System Medical Illness: Educational Needs and Advocacy Strategies.” Using Lyme disease as the model, the presentation will provide information about the complexity of symptoms and resulting cognitive and functional impairments that can interfere with a child’s ability to learn and attend school regularly.

This presentation will provide participants with valuable information about the challenge children with tick-borne diseases face when
navigating their learning environment and the accommodations and services
to which they are entitled. There will be an emphasis on the need for a
deep understanding of Lyme disease and other tick borne illnesses to
effectively advocate for the educational needs of students with tick
borne illnesses. With Lyme disease as a model this presentation will
serve as a guide to support the educational needs of children with other
complex multi-system medical illnesses.

This is an exciting opportunity to have an impact on the lives of
students with Lyme disease around the country, through developing a
network of advocates and attorneys who understand the devastating impact
of this disease. The inclusion of our presentation and associated
materials in the Conference Compendium will provide this important
information to all Conference attendees. **We hope that medical and mental
health professionals and advocates around the country will encourage
education advocates and attorneys in their communities to attend this
conference.**

We gratefully acknowledge an Education Grant from the Lyme Disease
Association supporting our presentation. In addition, Time for Lyme and
the Lyme Disease Association are co-sponsoring an exhibit table at the
Conference.

Please refer to the COPAA website, www.copaa.org <http://www.copaa.org/>
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