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our students, teachers, and principals, particularly since school participation continued remotely despite the setback of school closures due to COVID-19.”

By signing up for LLS’s Pennies for Patients fundraising campaign, students learned leadership, the importance of helping others and just how impactful their involvement can be in helping to save lives. During the programs, students and staff collected donations from friends and family in honor of local student survivors and current patients. By contributing their spare change and participating in other special fundraising events, Clifton Schools are helping LLS fund lifesaving research.

“Because of new and better therapies, blood cancer survival rates for children have improved significantly during the last several decades,” said Genna Toyne, LLS New Jersey Pennies for Patients Director. “But there still more work to be done. Leukemia is one of the most common types of cancer in children and adolescents, so LLS’s Pennies for Patients programs provide a meaningful way for kids to help kids. Every penny really does make a difference.”

Since it began in 1993, Pennies for Patients has helped LLS invest nearly \$1.3 billion in research to advance breakthrough cancer treatments that are saving lives and improving the quality of life for patients and their families. In the last 3 years, LLS has designed a series of lesson plans for teachers to use in the classroom in response to the growing trend of making serving learning and character education part of the curriculum. The lesson plans integrate the theme of LLS’s Pennies for Patients® programs into all academic areas, including a renewed emphasis on social and emotional learning in this virtual learning environment.

About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) is a global leader in the fight against cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in Rye Brook, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit www.LLS.org. Patients should contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. For additional information visit lls.org/lls-newsnetwork. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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