

# 10 THE TOP 10

# REASONS TO SUPPORT LE&RN

**10** LE&RN's **National Lobby Days** brings advocates from around the country to Washington, DC where lawmakers are asked to support increased National Institutes of Health (NIH) lymphatic research funding and insurance coverage for available treatments.

## ADVOCACY

**7** To entice the best and brightest researchers into joining our field, LE&RN sponsors up to 25 **Travel and Poster Scholarships** each year to the most promising young investigators worldwide.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

**4** LE&RN hosts monthly **Livestream** symposia bringing the foremost experts in lymphatics to the medical community, those with LE, and caregivers online. And through our partnership with Harvard Medical Schools, LE&RN's website is host to the presentations delivered at the annual **Lymphedema Symposium**. For specific questions, LE&RN's "**Ask the Experts**" provides a direct link to a panel of international experts.

## CUTTING-EDGE ANSWERS

**1** **LE&RN knows new treatments and cures are waiting to be discovered with research.** We remain steadfastly committed to funding research fellowships and we actively promote LD/LE research being a top priority at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Defense (DoD) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## RESEARCH FOR NEW TREATMENTS AND A CURE

**9** **LE&RN Chapters** now reach across the United States and around the world, bringing the international lymphatic and lymphedema community together as one. Chapters sponsor events such as LE&RN's Walks, educational symposiums, and patient support groups bring the community together and making us stronger.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

**6** Addressing the lack of certified lymphedema therapists (CLTs) in underserved areas, LE&RN awards ten or more scholarships each year to **therapists** who enroll in an accredited CLT school.

## EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARE

**3** As LE&RN's Spokesperson since 2015, **Academy Award-Winning actress Kathy Bates** has been a tireless advocate for the lymphedema and lymphatic disease community. From national televised broadcasts, to meeting with politicians and officials at NIH, CDC, AMA, her partnership with LE&RN has exponentially advanced awareness of lymphatic diseases worldwide.

## SPREADING THE WORD

**8** LE&RN's Lymphatic Disease Diagnosis and Treatment **Centers of Excellence** standards, as well as our **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Seminars** are raising the bar in assuring patients optimal, comprehensive care.

## SETTING PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

**5** LE&RN created **World Lymphedema Day** in 2016, which was officially established by the United States Senate that same year. In 2018, New York State passed a **first-in-nation bill, written by LE&RN**, that mandates all hospital institutions in the state to provide lymphedema (LE) information packets to all patients at-risk for the disease. LE&RN Chapters will now take this bill to statehouses across the country.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**2** LE&RN is committed to bringing the millions of people who live with lymphedema (LE) and lymphatic disease (LD) together in a collective fight to make our fight a global priority. LE&RN's website, social media channels, and e-newsletter ensure that **everyone in our community is informed about the issues** as well as how they can be an activist in this movement.

## CREATING A MOVEMENT

