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Akerman Among Top Fundraisers for Regional Light the Night Walk

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that a team of lawyers and staff in the firm's Orlando office, once again participated in the Leukemia Lymphoma Society's (LLS) annual Light The Night Walk with friends and family. LLS is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Akerman was among the top Central Florida Light the Night Walk fundraising groups for a second consecutive year. In two annual walks, the team raised nearly \$26,000 to fund programs for children and adult patients, and also in honor of Akerman partners Robert Slavkin and Russell Hale, whose lives and loved ones have been directly affected by blood cancers.

LLS provides public health education and professional counseling to patients and families battling a blood cancer like leukemia, which is the most common type of childhood cancer, accounting for 31 percent of all cases. The organization has programs dedicated to youth wellness and education, including school reentry to ensure a smooth transition for children returning to school from active treatment. Through programs like Pasta for Pennies and HOP for Leukemia and Lymphoma, local schools work together to aid thousands of children and adults in need of treatment and financial assistance.

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The Light the Night Walk took place on Oct. 9, 2014 at Lake Eola-International Plaza in Downtown Orlando. For those who wish to contribute, a donation of any size can be made by visiting the team's page, available here.

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About Leukemia Lymphoma Society

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary (nonprofit) health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Started in 1949, the LLS is the key resource to support the most brilliant cancer research experts in the world.