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THE IMPACT ON THE TRANSPLANT COMMUNITY AT LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK (LVHN)

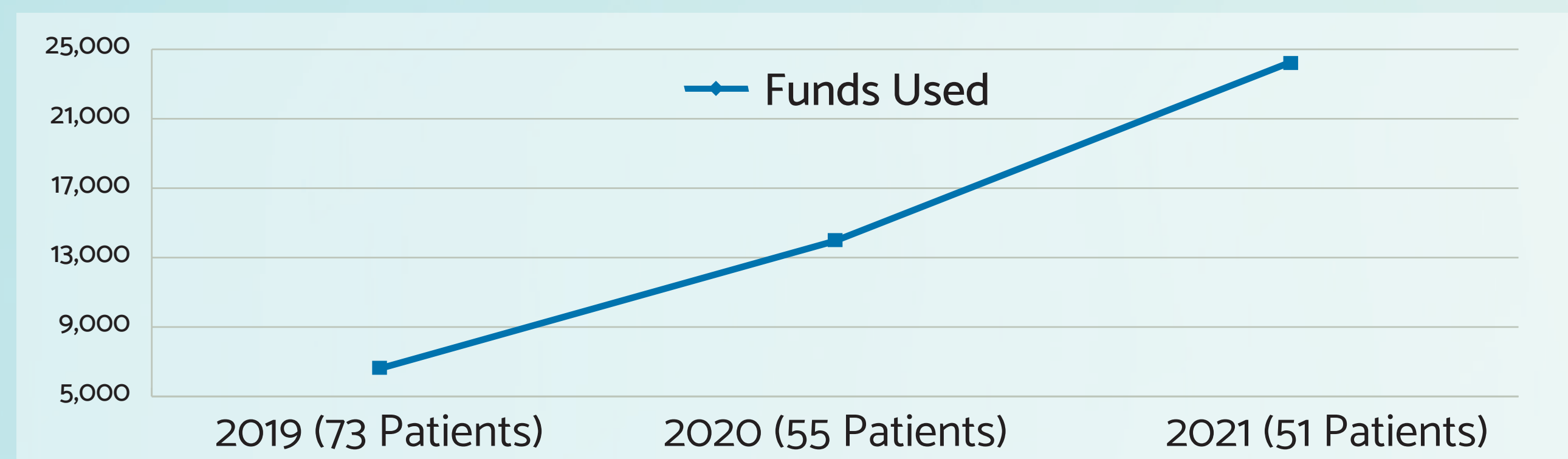
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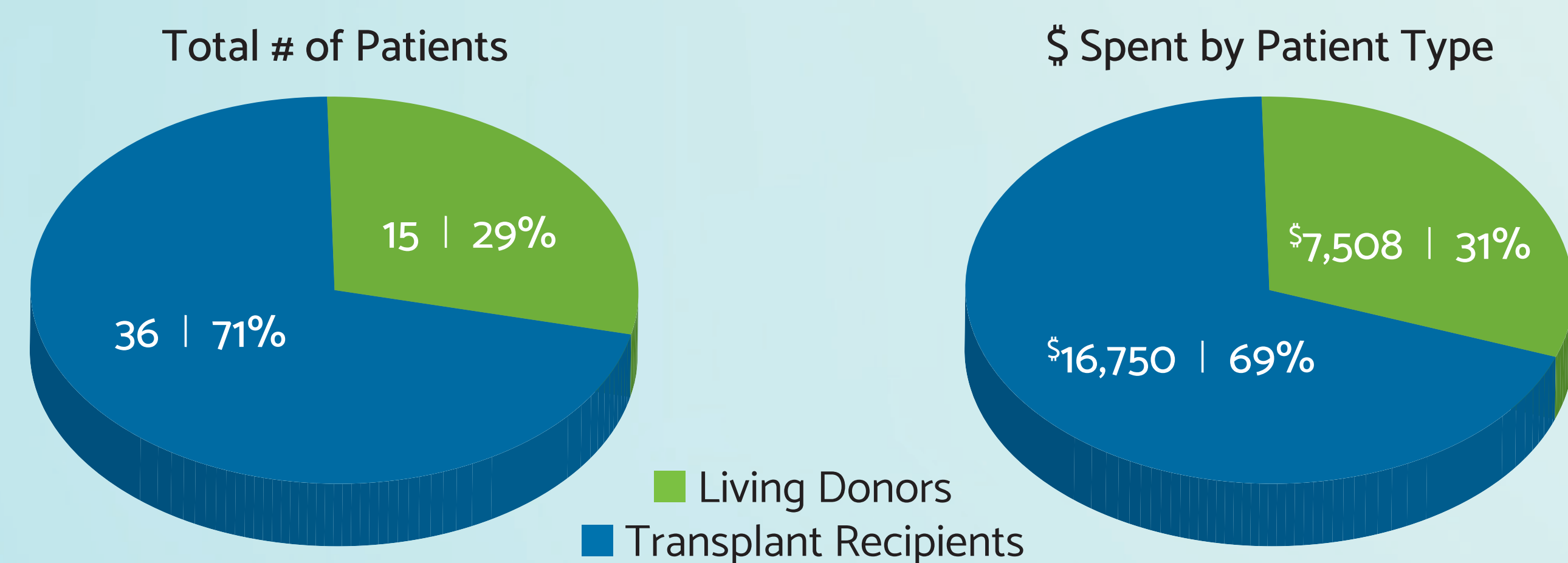
Background

Since 2019, Gift of Life's Regional Transplant Family Support Grant has been awarded to LVHN to aid in serving transplant recipients' and living donors' (LD) transportation, lodging, and food needs.

FUNDS USED BY LVHN (DOLLARS)



2021 USAGE BREAKDOWN



Amount given per patient (mean): 2019: \$90 | 2020: \$254 | 2021: \$476

Methods

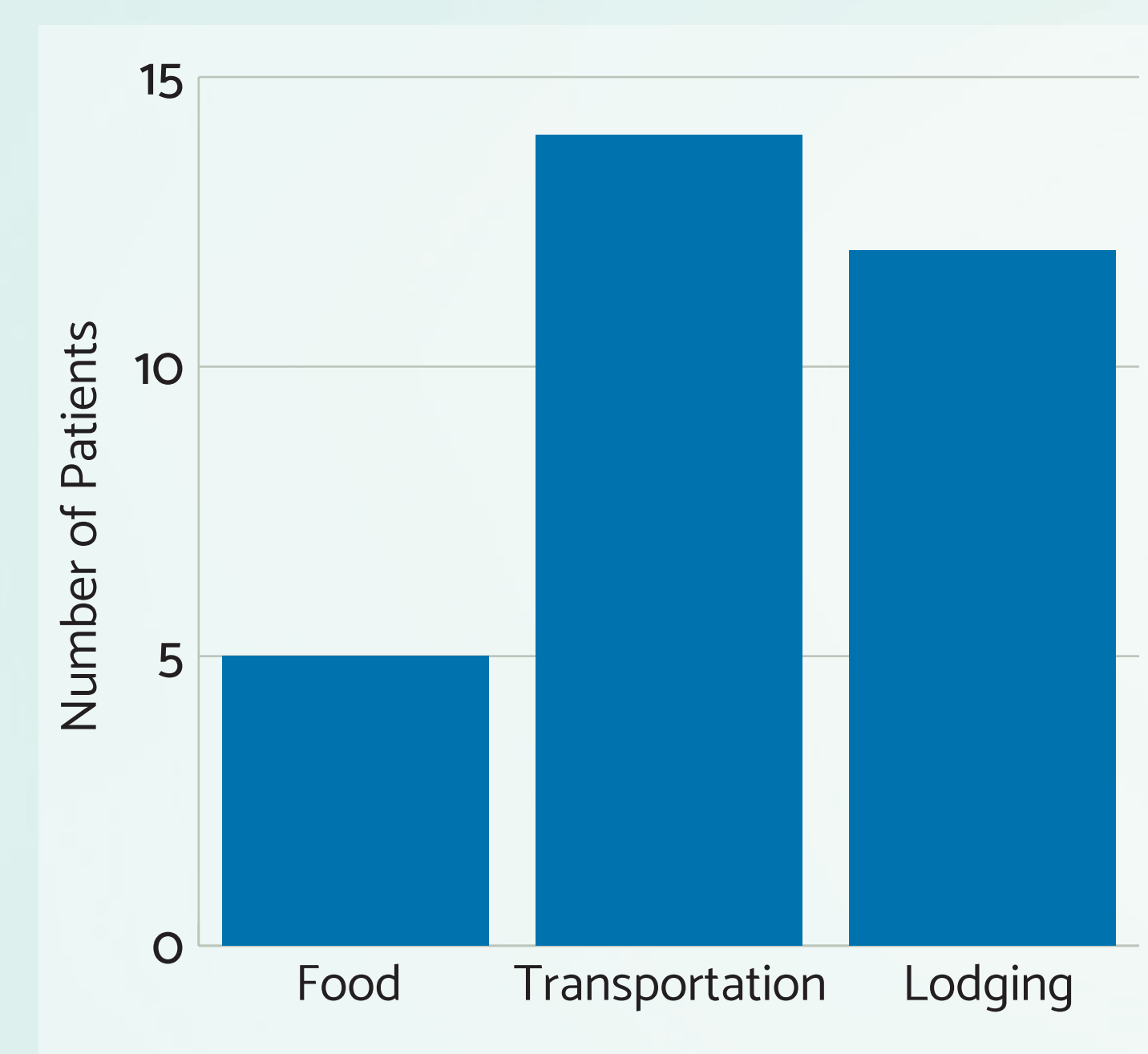
51 unique patients received funds from grant in 2021

- 5 excluded (died or unable to contact electronically)
- 46 were sent emails with an explanation of the survey, a request, and confidential link to the survey through REDCap
 - Automatic reminder email was sent 15 days later to all emails who did not access their link and take survey

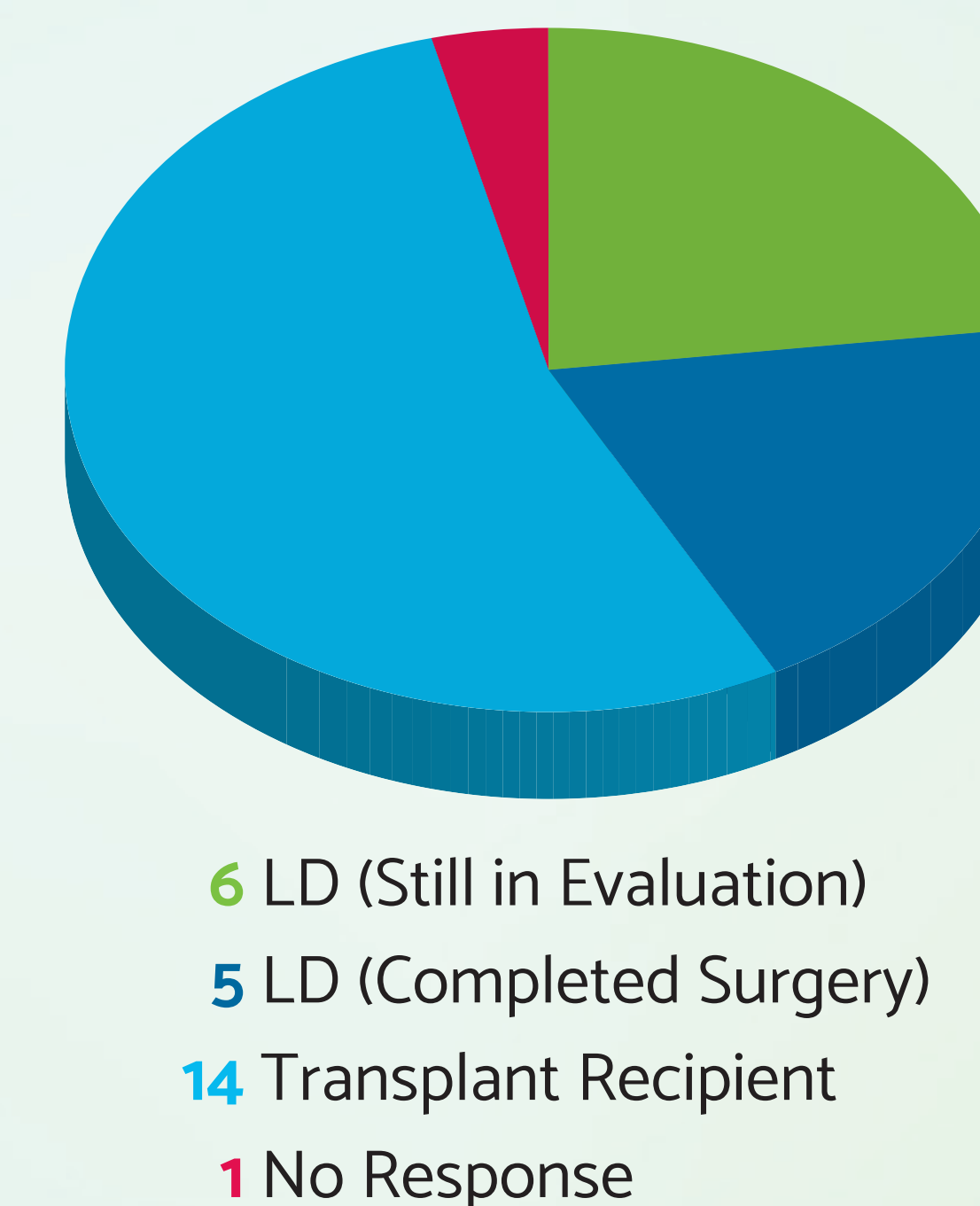
Results

26 respondents for a 56.5% response rate

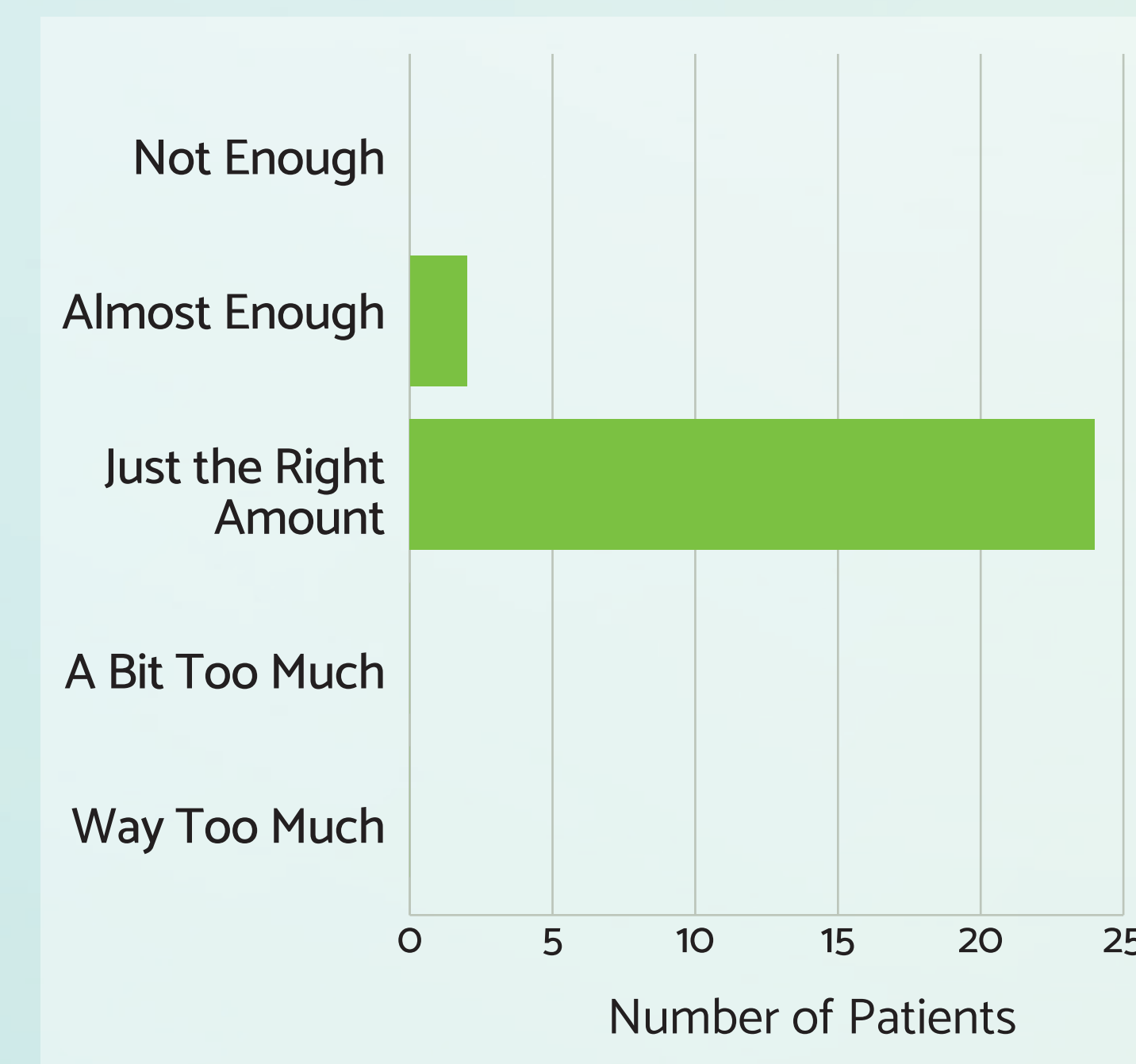
TYPE OF ASSISTANCE USED (MULTIPLES POSSIBLE)



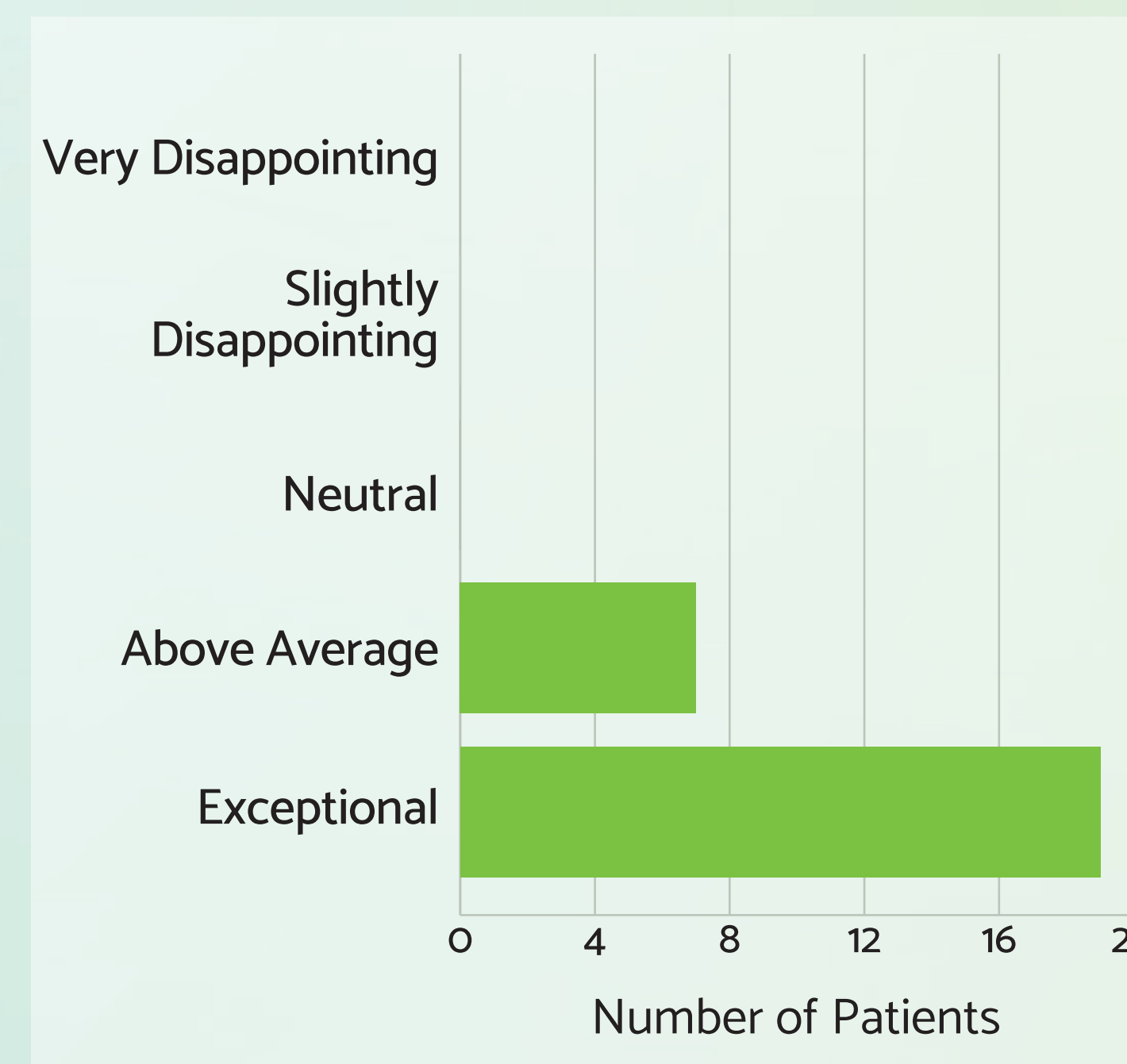
TYPE OF PATIENT



“THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE I RECEIVED WAS...”



“PLEASE RATE YOUR OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH RECEIVING THIS ASSISTANCE”



Summary

- 54% of respondents were transplant recipients; 42% were living donor patients (vs total numbers from 2021 grant recipients – transplant recipients made up 71% while LDs made up 29%, indicating LDs were more likely to respond to survey)
- 70.1% of respondents were given over \$200 in support
- 92.3% indicated the amount they received was “just the right amount”
- 100% of respondents were satisfied with the grant

Summary – Because of the Grant...

- 31.6% of respondents were able to have surgery
- Nearly 50% worried less through all phases of surgery
- Transportation was made possible (in hospital and post-transplant) for the caregiver of about 40% of respondents
- 26.9% avoided missing an appointment
- 46.2% either would have had trouble paying for the cost covered by the grant, or were able to pay for another bill because of the cost covered by the grant