

## About Us

The Lupus Foundation of America, Illinois Chapter (LFAI), formed in 1973, is the Midwest's leading non-profit health organization dedicated to finding the causes and cure for lupus.

The National organization has nearly 300 chapters and support groups in 32 states.

The Lupus Foundation of America, Illinois Chapter is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Our programs and services are funded through the generosity of members, individuals, corporations, foundations and special events.

Special events include the Gala and the Walk for Lupus Now, occurring in late summer and fall. For more information on the LFAI and our events, please contact us at 312-542-0002 or toll free at 800-2 LUPUS 2 or via email at [info@lupusil.org](mailto:info@lupusil.org).

## About Lupus

Every day, 1.5 million Americans (one out of every 200) struggle with the often debilitating and disabling health effects of lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body.

People with lupus often feel alone with their disease and with the everyday struggles that the disease brings to their lives.

The Lupus Foundation of America, Illinois Chapter provides individuals with an opportunity to become part of Illinois' lupus community through:

- ✓Volunteering
- ✓Advocating
- ✓Support Groups
- ✓Special Events
- ✓Educational Seminars

## Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the diagnosis and treatment of lupus, support individuals and families affected by the disease, increase awareness of lupus among health professionals and the public and find the causes and cure.

The LFAI energetically pursues its mission with five program objectives designed to:

- 1 Heighten public awareness of the causes and consequences of lupus.
- 2 Support individuals with lupus, their families and caregivers.
- 3 Provide direct financial support to researchers.
- 4 Advocate increased public and private sector support for biomedical research on lupus.
- 5 Translate research findings into medically-sound information and programs for physicians and other healthcare professionals.

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## *Programs & Services*

## *Membership Information*



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The 2006 Chicago Walk gets underway!



Educational seminar at LFAI's 2007 Annual Meeting.



## Services

The LFAI provides the following services to Illinois' lupus community to ease the burden of living with lupus. We provide our services at no cost to the individual.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

People with lupus, family members and friends can share their experiences, methods of coping and insights into living with this chronic illness.

### INDIVIDUAL PEER SUPPORT

Those living with lupus talk one-on-one with someone with a similar situation.

### EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Held throughout the year at various locations on current concerns.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Participate in awareness building and fundraising activities with others affected by lupus.

### ADVOCACY NETWORK

An opportunity to use your voice to ensure lupus concerns are heard in government.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help others living with lupus through a variety of activities.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited assistance is available to help with short term financial concerns.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The latest lupus information available via email. (LFAI's *The Chronicle* and LFA's *Lupus Now* magazine are printed materials free with membership in LFAI.)



## Lupus Navigator Program

*"My doctor just diagnosed me with lupus but couldn't tell me anything else. Can you help me?"*

*"My brother's wife hasn't been able to work in 2 years due to lupus, is there anything you can do?"*

*"My son suffers from neurological lupus, who's the leading U.S. expert?"*

The Lupus Foundation of America, Illinois Chapter (LFAI) receives requests like these every day—and every day the LFAI provides answers.

In February, 2007 the LFAI created a staff position—the Lupus Navigator—dedicated to serving Illinois' lupus community and their diverse needs.

The LFAI is proud to provide Illinois' lupus community with this service.

*Providing individual assistance to Illinois' lupus community.*

### Lupus Navigator

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## Join us! Become a Member

The Lupus Foundation of America, Illinois Chapter (LFAI) is the only organization committed to assisting lupus patients and their families cope with this often devastating disease. By becoming a member of the LFAI, you are actively improving lives for lupus patients in Illinois.

Anyone with a vested interest in lupus should become a member, including lupus patients, their family and friends, and health care professionals working with lupus patients.

As a member, you will receive *Lupus Now* magazine (published nationally by the Lupus Foundation of America), *The Chronicle*, LFAI's newsletter and *The e-Chronicle*, the LFAI's bi-weekly newsletter providing up to date information on opportunities throughout Illinois.

Members also receive invitations to educational seminars, free volunteer trainings, information on new and existing support groups, the latest advocacy opportunities and more.

Most importantly, becoming a member of the LFAI means you are a part of an organization dedicated to serving the lupus community.

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## Become a Member!

Take an active role in the battle against lupus in Illinois by joining the LFAI with a one year membership!

\$50 Individual       \$25 Senior/Student

Benefits include:

- ✓ Subscription to LFA's magazine *Lupus Now*
- ✓ Subscription to LFAI's newsletter *The Chronicle*
- ✓ Subscription to LFAI's e-newsletter *The e-Chronicle*
- ✓ Invitations to LFAI's Annual Meeting, educational seminars and other opportunities.

### Become a Donor!

I would like to support the work of the LFAI by donating

\$25    \$50    \$100    \$250    \$500    other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my check made payable to LFAI or

Please charge my: \_\_\_ Personal or \_\_\_ Corporate

\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Am Ex

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me more information on:

- Advocacy
- Educational Materials
- Support Groups
- Volunteer
- Upcoming Events

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