



# Lupus Foundation of America Georgia Chapter

## Changing Lives with Your Support

The Georgia Chapter is one of the fastest-growing chapters in the LFA network with many new programs, the largest support group network in the nation, groundbreaking awareness and advocacy. The Atlanta *Walk to End Lupus Now* is the largest LFA walk in the nation. Our Chapter is a lifeline and a voice of hope raising awareness and fighting lupus for the 55,000 people living with lupus in Georgia.

The story of our Chapter's growth and impact on the Georgians we serve, inspire and empower is compelling. In these tough years, when many other non-profits have reduced programs, we have expanded programs and events to serve, engage and support patients in more than 120 counties in Georgia. We support the national LFA research efforts and advocate for funding investment in finding a cure. Ninety percent of every dollar donated stays in Georgia to ensure the Chapter continues to provide, expand resources and awareness including:

- **Georgia Lupus Empowerment Series** - Our signature statewide education symposiums and seminars will reach nine communities in 2017.
- **Atlanta Empowerment Summit** - Our annual conference, with national and local speakers, more than 300 attendees and breakout sessions, presented in both English and Spanish.
- **Newly-Diagnosed Seminars** - Medical experts provide current, medically accurate information on lupus, its symptoms, treatments, and coping techniques.
- **Ask the Experts Teleconference Series** - Eleven teleconferences with local and national speakers are recorded and placed on our website as part of our resource library.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance Program** - The Chapter provides up to \$500 per year per applicant to provide essential relief to those in need.
- **30 Support Groups** - Monthly meetings provide a support, fellowship and resources across the state, including groups for teens, men and young adults.
- **Advocacy in Georgia** - Our robust e-activist network with more than 300 constituents engages federal, state and local elected officials about the cruel mystery of lupus. Our annual Advocacy Day at the Georgia State Capitol provides an empowering opportunity to meet with representatives and share personal stories.
- **Materials and Assistance in Spanish** - Our Hispanic Support Group is a lifeline to an underserved community in need of resources and support.
- **Patient Navigation and Referrals** - Our patient navigators assist with disability, health insurance, clinical trials, legal services, access to medical care, and physician referral.

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The Lupus Foundation of America is the only national force devoted to solving the mystery of lupus, one of the world's cruelest, most unpredictable and devastating diseases, while giving caring support to those who suffer from its brutal impact. Through a comprehensive program of research, education, and advocacy, we lead the fight to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus.

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