

Help Us Solve  
The Cruel Mystery

**LUPUS**<sup>TM</sup>

FOUNDATION OF AMERICA  
NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

Can you imagine what it would look like to **BEAT LUPUS**? At the Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter we look forward to that day! I want to introduce you to one of our special Lupus Thrivers, **Dion Langly**, who is sharing his story on what he is doing to **BEAT LUPUS**. For individuals like Dion, who have experienced the *Cruel Mystery of Lupus* firsthand, we share the same dream: **BEATING LUPUS!** The LFANC is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Dion and all Thrivers across the State, so that everyone affected by Lupus can have a brighter future. His story is both powerful and inspirational.

Dion Langly is a professional, independent drummer who is using his platform to bring awareness to this dreadful disease. He began performing at the age of six with his family gospel group. At that time, he was playing the guitar and accidentally fell off the stage onto a set of drums. From that day forward, Dion discovered what he was destined to do...play the drums. Dion's skills on the drums have been heralded as supernatural, yielding incredible control with uncanny musicality and sensitivity.



In 2010, Dion Langley was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). He was told that he would never play again. Since his diagnosis, he has faced many hurdles but refused to allow Lupus to stand in the way of doing what he loves. Being a male with Lupus has its challenges. Although some Lupus cases are serious and all who live with Lupus face their personal battles with the disease, Dion is a living witness that it is possible to thrive with Lupus.

After multiple hospital stays, adjusting to a new way of living and almost having to give up on his dream, Dion has continued to play and tour around the world. It is his goal to bring as much awareness to Lupus as possible until there is a cure. According to Dion, **"I'M DRUMMING TO A DIFFERENT BEAT AND THAT'S TO BEAT LUPUS!"**

[WATCH DION'S STORY](#)

Like Dion, the LFANC is committed to **BEATING LUPUS**. Beating Lupus is not just finding a cure...it is learning how to thrive daily with this diagnosis. We want to **BEAT LUPUS** for the estimated 60,000 people living with Lupus in North Carolina. We want to **BEAT LUPUS** by providing our critical Programs and Services. We want to **BEAT LUPUS** by supporting Lupus Research and Advocacy. We want to **BEAT LUPUS** to fund the sustainability of all of our Statewide Programs. **WE WANT TO BEAT LUPUS FOR YOU!** But...we cannot do this without your help.

Please help us **BEAT LUPUS** to create a brighter future for Thrivers everywhere by making a meaningful donation today. We cannot continue to do the important work we do without your financial support. Our footprint across the State is far greater than our small fiscal budget and the staff's ability to reach all one hundred counties. Your donation makes all the difference.

**To support this worthy cause, please**

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Your gift is **critical** to support our fight for more effective treatments, better public education and awareness and daily support for those whose quality of life has been radically altered by Lupus. **Please help us BEAT LUPUS by making a donation before December 31<sup>st</sup>** to impact all those living with Lupus. Will you please support Dion's fundraising campaign by making a significant financial gift to the life-changing work being done by the LFANC?

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Thank you so very much for your support in the past and for the gift you will make today. It makes all the difference in the lives of our Lupus Thrivers.

Gratefully,



Jenny Prince  
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