

## Michelle & Alan Kaye: Advocates, Parents, Philanthropists

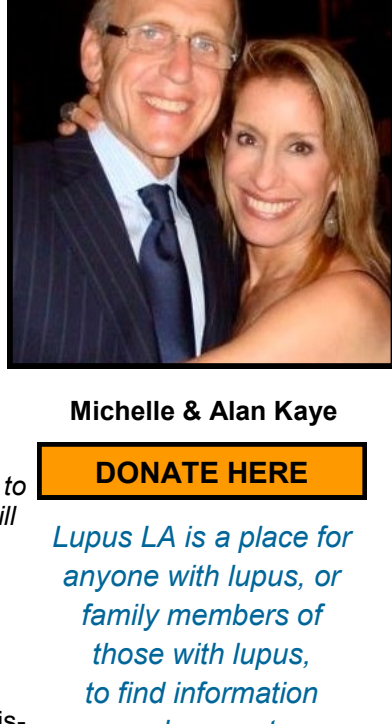
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### It's a Family Affair! Family can mean a lot of things to a lot of people.

While the entire Lupus LA community is a family in and of itself, the Board of Directors is a small close-knit group who has been together since the early beginnings of Lupus LA. They are a team of truly dedicated people fighting to find the causes of and a cure for lupus.

We are pleased to introduce you to our March Lupus Heroes, longtime Lupus LA board members Michelle and Alan Kaye. In 2005, Lupus LA founder Daniel J. Wallace, MD, diagnosed the Kayes' daughter Gillian with lupus. Since then they have committed themselves to doing all that they can to find a cure. *"We saw how our daughter suffered from lupus and wanted to help in any way we could. Our focus then and to this day has been on raising money to fund innovative research with the expectation that it will result in new treatments and an eventual cure for this debilitating disease."*

Alan's professional expertise has enabled him to lead the financial growth and management of Lupus LA as the board treasurer. Michelle's creative vision and artistic flair have helped Lupus LA's events shine and continually raise more money as well as awareness for the disease.



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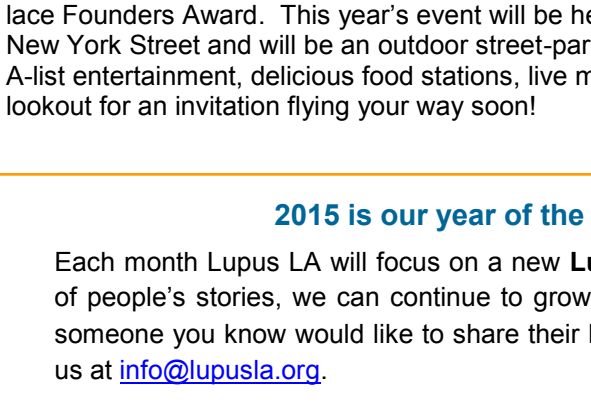
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*Lupus LA is a place for anyone with lupus, or family members of those with lupus, to find information and support.*

- Michelle & Alan

### Together, they are a force to be reckoned with.

The Kayes have been active both in and out of the boardroom and look to Lupus LA for cutting-edge information on lupus treatments and education. They share, *"We have attended some really informative patient conferences and been able to network with others to discuss what has worked for them. It helps to be around others who have common issues and goals!"*



The Kaye Family

Their extended family is also involved with lupus organizations around the country. *"Our family is dedicated to helping the lupus community along with continuing our efforts to fund research for further treatments and answers to this challenging disease."*

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Alan and Michelle Kaye will be honored at **Lupus LA's Orange Ball: A Night of Superheroes** and will receive Lupus LA's highest honor, The Daniel J. Wallace Founders Award. This year's event will be held at Fox Studios on the lot's famed New York Street and will be an outdoor street-party superhero extravaganza featuring A-list entertainment, delicious food stations, live music and much more. Be on the lookout for an invitation flying your way soon!

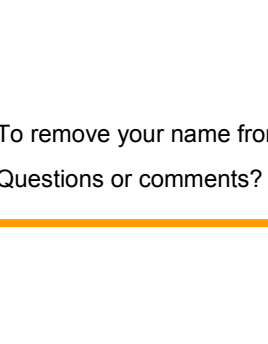
All that being said, what matters most to Michelle and Alan is their family. The Kayes have two beautiful girls, Gillian and Danielle. While Gillian continues to face lupus-related challenges, she is living life to the fullest and is currently working in New York City on a TV show. Her sister Danielle is graduating from The University of Arizona in May and returning to Los Angeles to pursue a career in communications.

### 2015 is our year of the Lupus Hero.

Each month Lupus LA will focus on a new **Lupus Hero**. Through the retelling of people's stories, we can continue to grow our lupus community. If you or someone you know would like to share their Lupus Hero story, please contact us at [info@lupusla.org](mailto:info@lupusla.org).

### What can my donation do?

Every dollar you donate counts at Lupus LA. Here are some of the ways your donation can help support our programs and initiatives:



- \$ 100 = One (1) monthly adult support group session
- \$ 250 = One (1) monthly pediatric support group session
- \$ 500 = One (1) Emergency Grant for a lupus patient
- \$ 750 = Sponsorship for one family to attend a special summer camp for kids with lupus
- \$ 1,000 = One (1) week for a Rheumatology Fellow
- \$ 5,000 = Two (2) weeks of Scientific Research
- \$10,000 = One (1) day-long Patient Conference

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