

Michael B. Jordan & Donna Jordan

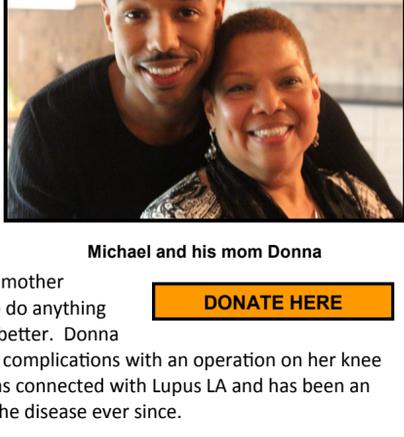
Actor, Advocate, Son

Advocate, Activist, Mom

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Superheroes come in all forms.

And what makes someone a superhero isn't about whether they can fly or carry a truck through the air, but if they inspire us. This month's superheroes are mother and son duo: Lupus LA Ambassador and critically acclaimed actor, Michael B. Jordan, and his mother, Donna.



Michael and his mom Donna

When Michael learned that his mother Donna had lupus, he wanted to do anything and everything to help her get better. Donna

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was diagnosed with lupus after complications with an operation on her knee in 2000. Soon after, Michael was connected with Lupus LA and has been an ambassador and advocate for the disease ever since.

I found Lupus LA through the WME Foundation. They knew my mother had lupus, and I wanted to find an organization to support that meant something to me personally. My mission is to spread the word about lupus and further the research to help find a cure for my mom and others.

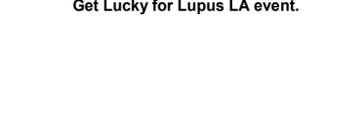
- Michael

Not only are Michael and Donna supporters of Lupus LA, they are also part of our patient and family community. Early in her diagnosis, Donna was visiting Michael in Los Angeles and needed to see a rheumatologist. Lupus LA immediately connected her with Dr. Daniel J. Wallace. Donna shared that Dr. Wallace was able to give her some parameters to help her cope with her lupus, as well as information about new research and treatment options that were available.

Lupus is kind of an isolating disease. It's comforting to know that Lupus LA is there and I depend on their resources to help me through my journey.

- Donna

Donna and Michael are strong advocates for better and more accessible healthcare. To Michael, Lupus LA is helping to bridge the gap between people without resources and the care they need. As a lupus patient, Donna feels that Lupus LA is an organization which encourages others to have fellowship and provides vital support services by staff and volunteers who are friendly and knowledgeable.



Board members Phil Sun and Adam Selkowitz join Michael B. Jordan on the red carpet for the 2014 Get Lucky for Lupus LA event.

Lupus LA is lucky and honored to have people like Michael and Donna as part of our family and we are thrilled to honor them on June 6, 2015 at the Orange Ball: A Night of Superheroes. The evening will be held at Fox Studios on the famed New York Street. We invite you all to join us at this fun-filled street party to help celebrate all our lupus superheroes. To learn more, check out our website at www.lupusla.org.

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.

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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