



Pro Cyclists Support Largest Walk to End Lupus Now

Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America Host Atlanta Event April 30



ATLANTA (May 1, 2016) – Five members of the Lupus Racing Team, a UCI Continental men’s professional cycling team, led out a record crowd from Piedmont Park on April 30 for the signature fundraising event for the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America. The Walk To End Lupus Now featured more than 586 registered teams with 5,432 walkers, and raised close to \$650,000.

Members of the Lupus Racing Team who escorted walkers at the start of the five-mile walk included pro riders Nicolae Tanovitchii and Barry Miller, as well as elite riders Brendan Sullivan, Igor and Oleg. The team trains in the Atlanta area when not competing at UCI-sanctioned events or USA Cycling’s Professional Road Tour. The next event for the team will be Silver City’s Tour of the Gila, a UCI-2.2 stage race in Silver City, N.M.

Ninety percent of every dollar donated stays in Georgia to fund Chapter programs, resources and advocacy. The impact on the Georgians served and empowered by our Chapter is compelling, reaching 115 counties and new patients and communities. The Walk also raises immense awareness: today many more people know about lupus.

In May, the Lupus Foundation of America urges the public to get to KNOW LUPUS and join the nationwide effort to raise awareness and funds to create a future with NO LUPUS. Lupus symptoms can be severe and highly unpredictable and can damage any organ or tissue, from the skin or joints to the heart or kidneys. Common symptoms include fatigue, headaches, painful or swollen joints, fever, and anemia. To learn more about the Lupus Foundation of America, Georgia Chapter and their great work, visit www.lupusga.org.



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About Lupus Racing Team

The Lupus Racing Team is owned and operated by Cycle Culture, Inc., a 501(c)3 Georgia business with offices in Atlanta and New York. This is the fourth year Cycle Culture has operated a cycling team, and the second consecutive year the team will compete internationally as a UCI Continental squad. The Team partners with the [Georgia Chapter](#) of the Lupus Foundation of America to raise awareness and improve funding for an illness that affects 55,00 Georgians and 1.5 million Americans. Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body, for which there is currently no known cure. Learn more about the Team, beneficiary and sponsors at LupusRacingTeam.com.

About the Lupus Foundation of America, Georgia Chapter

The Lupus Foundation of America is 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. The Foundation leads the fight to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus. The Georgia Chapter is the only statewide resource for the 55,000 Georgians living with lupus. The impact on the patients and families served and empowered by the Georgia chapter is compelling. In 2016, the Georgia Chapter will host eight educational symposiums and workshops. There are more than 30 statewide support groups for people with lupus. For more information, visit LupusGA.org, and follow us on Twitter [@LupusGeorgia](#), Facebook at facebook.com/LupusGeorgia and Instagram [@lupusgeorgia](#).

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