



1. The LFA has a **comprehensive dual mission** to find the causes of and cure for lupus and provide support and services to all people affected by lupus.
2. The LFA's **national research program, *Bringing Down the Barriers***, focuses on key gaps in lupus research. The program provides financial grant support in the areas of basic biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, and translational research. We are committed to accelerating the pace of medical discovery in lupus.
3. The LFA's **Medical-Scientific Advisory Council** is comprised of **multidisciplinary scientific thought leaders** who are studying and guiding lupus research in major academic centers nationwide.
4. The LFA's education programs, services, and materials for people with lupus and healthcare professionals are **cited as THE authoritative sources of information** on lupus.
5. The LFA's **award-winning magazine, *Lupus Now***<sup>®</sup>, is the only national publication of its kind, while the LFA **Website is the most-viewed source of lupus information on the Internet.**
6. The LFA's **grassroots network of more than 20,000 advocates** has stimulated millions of dollars in new funding for lupus research and education through Congressional and state appropriations.
7. The LFA's **cutting-edge public awareness messages** about the diagnosis and treatment of lupus are widely used by local and national television, magazine, and newspaper media.
8. The **LFA's Walk for Lupus Now**<sup>®</sup> **has been held in 32 cities** and is growing! We intend to make this Walk our multi-million-dollar signature event over the next three years.
9. The LFA's chapter affiliates represent the **largest and strongest lupus network in the world.**
10. The LFA's **national presence in Washington, DC** provides unique access to our nation's policymakers to ensure that lupus research and education remain at the forefront of the healthcare agenda.