



## *Drumbeat to a Lupus Cure 5K Run & Walk*

### Meet Evanne Grate, 2016 Honoree

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016**

Check-in: 7:30 am. Start time: 9:00 am | West Valley College. 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga.  
Register online at [crowdrise.com/lupusrun](http://crowdrise.com/lupusrun) or call (408) 954-8600.

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This year, the Lupus Foundation of Northern California starts a new tradition at the Drumbeat to a Lupus Cure 5K Run & Walk: introducing an honoree who has truly made a mark on the northern California lupus community.

In 2016, there is no one who deserves that honor more than **Evanne Grate** who is not only an extraordinary survivor but an unmatched leader.

Evanne Grate has facilitated the San Francisco Lupus Subchapter/Support Group since 2006. Evanne was diagnosed with lupus nephritis in 1992 although doctors believed lupus triggered a near fatal blood disorder when she was 15. In Fall 2007, she survived kidney failure, CNS lymphoma, and MRSA caused by lupus and its treatments.

Since that time, she found her purpose in life: To do everything possible in providing lupus guidance and spreading lupus awareness. This includes Evanne and her support group participating in San Francisco fairs to provide lupus community outreach and sharing her story at memorable events, including: Testifying to the FDA in 2010 on why Benlysta should be approved; Speaking at the Lupus Foundation of Northern California's 36th Anniversary Gala on which she felt truly honored to do.

In 2016, Evanne is celebrating two years with her new kidney.

Evanne is thankful for the LFNC's commitment to its mission. She believes that without them, she and so many others living with lupus wouldn't receive the genuine local support that is needed for our unique lupus community of Northern California.

For the Drumbeat 5K, Evanne is leading "The Lupus Fighters" team.

