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LUPUS RESEARCH ALLIANCE

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce exciting news that the Alliance for Lupus Research, the Lupus Research Institute, and the S.L.E. Lupus Foundation have officially merged to form the Lupus Research Alliance, the world's largest private sector organization dedicated to advancing lupus research.

The union of our three organizations, which creates the world's preeminent driver of lupus research, was just announced [publicly today](#). The Lupus Research Alliance is born out of a combined will and passion to see a world free of lupus. Because of your deep commitment and support, we can now envision that world on the horizon.

Collectively, the three legacy organizations have devoted more than 75 years to the cause and are responsible for funding over \$200 million to support lupus research programs. The partnerships we sponsor between patients, the scientific and medical communities and government as well as the pharmaceutical and biotech industry can deliver much-needed breakthroughs in the genetics, immunology and organ involvement of lupus and autoimmunity.

Now, as the Lupus Research Alliance, we are determined to push the limits of exploration and shepherd new scientific discoveries in order to transform the lives of all affected by lupus – patients, families, loved ones and the entire lupus community.

We are grateful for your past participation and generous support, and look forward to realizing the full the power and promise of the Lupus Research Alliance together.

About the Lupus Research Institute

The Lupus Research Institute (LRI), the world's leading private supporter of novel research in lupus, pioneers discovery and champions scientific creativity as it has successfully demonstrated the power of innovation to propel scientific solutions in this complex autoimmune disease.

