

Lupus Society of Illinois

LUPUS WARRIOR WEDNESDAY

July 6, 2022

I live in Greenup, IL with my husband, Daniel, and my two children Kaylan (17) and Josh (15). Currently, I work as a Paraprofessional at CUSD #77. I have worked in the field of Education for almost 18 years. My family became familiar with Lupus once my Mom was diagnosed at the age of 30 (I was in Junior High and my brother, Mike, was in High School). At this time, much wasn't known about Lupus, but we were constantly researching and finding the perfect mix of doctors.

Our children have been involved in all of our walks since they were little. We host a Gayla's Gang Pizza Night every year (until COVID) and we can't wait to get back at next year. Mike has his students join efforts with us in this process. This is a great way for them to learn about Lupus, give back to the community, and learn how to help others.

Mike and I went through Lupus training with the LSI and wanted to soak up all the knowledge we could. Mary has been to both of our schools promoting Lupus Awareness. Our family and friends have joined us in our fight since GAYLA'S GANG was formed in 2009. Recently, I went through training to become a Support Group Leader and run the Greenup IL Support Group. This group was recently formed and we encourage anyone to join us!



Jenny Finley