

## *Lupus Inspiration Foundation for Excellence (L.I.F.E.)*

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**"Supporting those touched by lupus, one L.I.F.E. at a time."**

To say Kyran Palmer is anything short of inspirational would be a work of fiction. Initially, Kyran thought the symptoms he was experiencing "would just clear up and go away." Never did he think he would have a chronic medical condition for the rest of his life.

The realization something was wrong began in February 2014. Kyran's joints were swollen. He suffered fevers, fatigue and widespread pain. His symptoms were misdiagnosed and his health worsened for months. An E.R. visit lead to the correct diagnosis of **LUPUS Nephritis** with stage-4 kidney damage. The doctors were able to alleviate his symptoms with a cocktail of medications and dialysis treatments. Sadly, the damage is irreversible and he is on a kidney transplant list.

Kyran is the epitome of dedication and hard work. "In order to finish my senior year in school, I get up at 4:00 a.m. three days a week and drive forty miles to the dialysis center in Pocatello, Idaho. I then come home and get to school by 10:30 a.m. to finish out my day." Despite Kyran's lupus and lengthy treatments, he was able to graduate high school with a 3.1 GPA and remain an active member in the community. As Golf Team MVP, he led the Aberdeen High School Gold Team to a State Championship victory, was the President of his church group, and was made an Eagle Scout.

Kyran, like our other L.I.F.E. Scholarship winners, is an inspiration to anyone who has faced adversity. "I see the positive results of hard work in many students and Kyran is one of them. He knows how to stick with things when it gets tough," stated his math teacher. He is a freshman at Brigham Young University studying Architectural Design.

Although it is viewed as a women's disease--and more likely affects those of color—it hit Kyran! Lupus showed no mercy when it attacked his kidneys as if foreign. Anyone can be at risk. All cases are different, any tissue or organ can be affected, and over 6,000 die yearly from this chronic autoimmune disease. L.I.F.E's mission is to advocate, provide merit-based L.I.F.E. Scholarships and promote lupus awareness--**which is the least-recognized and least-funded major disease to affect Americans.**

Donors like **YOU** have made it possible for L.I.F.E. to help over 100 college students throughout the country receive an education, graduate, become pillars in their communities, and enjoy an improved quality of life. All contributions are 100% tax-deductible. On behalf of L.I.F.E. and all of our scholarship recipients, we thank you for your continued support.

**Give the gift of knowledge. Please donate today—no amount is too small!**

With gratitude,

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