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## Sept. 16 Fashion Show Will Benefit Lupus Foundation



(L-R) Tim Byrd, Dr. Maureen Whelihan and attorney Gary Lesser.

“Models of Success,” the charity fashion show to benefit the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, will be hitting the runway Thursday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at B.B. King’s Blues Club at CityPlace.

This one-of-a-kind fashion show will feature breathtaking attire from Bloomingdale’s Palm Beach Gardens, modeled by the men of the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. In addition to enjoying eye-pleasing fashions, those attending Models of Success will also enjoy fabulous food and a silent auction.

The event will be co-chaired by Dr. Maureen Whelihan and attorney Gary Lesser. Whelihan is a board-certified ob/gyn who has been practicing in both West Palm Beach and Wellington since 1997. Whelihan currently serves as the immediate past president of the Palm Beach County Medical Society and the Florida Ob/Gyn Society. Lesser is a managing partner at Lesser, Lesser, Landy and Smith, a South Florida personal injury law firm. Lesser concentrates his practice in general personal injury matters and has handled numerous high profile cases, including automobile injury, wrongful death and product injury, among others.

Other committee members include: Michelle Bacon and David Prather, Lytal, Reiter, Clark Fountain & Williams; Teri Barbera, PBSO; Martin Cass, Alpern Rosenthal; Kathryn Crabtree, Capital Guardian; Captain Carol Gregg, PBSO; Guy Fronstin, Law Offices of Guy Fronstin; Laura King, Ironstone Bank; Monte Lambert, Forte Interactive; Sheila Preischl, Marine Exhaust Systems; James Rota, Dazzle Creative Events; Linda Seyedin, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith; Lesley Shriberg, PBSO; and Paul Vattiato, Capital Guardian.

Additional fashion show VIPs include Honorary Chair Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and Tim Byrd “the Byrdman,” host of the television show Byrd’s Eye View. Byrd will serve as master of ceremonies.

For more info., contact the Lupus Foundation of America, Southeast Florida Chapter at (561) 279-8606 or [info@lupusfl.org](mailto:info@lupusfl.org). Tickets are still available, with individual tickets starting at \$100.

Lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually any organ in the body. Its health effects include heart attacks, strokes, seizures, miscarriages and organ failure. Ninety percent of the people with lupus are women.

The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that more than 1.5 million Americans have some form of lupus.

The foundation is the nation’s foremost voluntary health organization dedicated to finding the causes of and cure for lupus and providing support and services to all people affected by lupus. For more information, visit [www.lupusfl.org](http://www.lupusfl.org).