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Stars get 'Lucky for Lupus' in poker tournament



Celebrities donned their poker faces on Thursday night at a tournament to raise funds for Lupus patients, adding it was important to use their star status to support those in need.

"One of the things we can do with our notoriety and you know, the fame that we have acquired through our talent is that people tend to listen a little bit more if they recognize your face and they respect you," actress Melissa Joan Hart told On The Red Carpet's Rachel Smith.

"So the one thing we can do is bring a little bit of attention to these causes that are dear to our hearts and Lupus is very dear to mine because I know so many people who have been affected by it," Hart said at the first "Lucky For Lupus" celebrity poker charity event.

Funnyman Marlon Wayans, clad in wide sunglasses that he called his "gangsta look", said he tried to support as many charities as possible.

"Any kind of awareness we can give to these kind of charities, I think it's a nice thing to do. It's good to be good," he said, taking off his sunglasses. "Nothing wrong with it. So I try to do as many as I can. Plus, I love playing poker."