



## **MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT**

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## **Nation's First Foot Drop Paralysis Team Founder Runs with Los Angeles Native Sunday despite Paralysis**

**WHO:** [Virginia Mamone](#), Los Angeles native - Ulysses S. Grant High School Alumna and Co-Captain of the only national team of people with Foot Drop Paralysis will be competing in the Rock 'N' Roll 5K race on Sunday in Los Angeles, despite her paralysis. TeamUP is a national movement of people who have made the decision to Get Back Up from Foot Drop Paralysis, to show others that they can Get Back Up and have a better quality of life.

[Beth Deloria](#) accomplished marathon runner and founder of the only national team of people with Foot Drop Paralysis will be competing in the Rock 'N' Roll Half - Marathon in Los Angeles as well, despite her paralysis. Beth founded TeamUP, a national movement of people who have made the decision to Get Back Up from Foot Drop Paralysis, to show others that they can Get Back Up and have a better quality of life.

**WHAT:** Rock 'N' Roll Half – Marathon and 5k Races in Los Angeles, CA. on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

**WHERE:** The running events, including Virginia and Beth, begin at L.A. LIVE at 7am. , South Figueroa Street & W 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**WHY:** Virginia, the mother of three, was named a Co-Captain of TeamUP in 2012 because of her commitment to supporting others with mobility issues. Virginia was diagnosed with CMT ([Charcot Marie Tooth disease](#)) after years of pain, fatigue, weakness, tripping, and the depression that comes with it. Ultimately she found the same high tech dynamic response AFO (ankle foot orthotic) brace that Beth wears, and decided to reclaim her quality of life and educate others. Read her story at: <http://getbackuptoday.com/teamup/virginia/>

Beth runs in races across the country, not to perfect her running time, but most importantly to spread the word and raise awareness about foot drop lower-leg paralysis to the thousands of people who may not even be aware that they have a condition that can be diagnosed and managed with a suitable leg brace like the one she wears made by Allard USA. Beth's mission is to show people that have this condition that they don't have to let this issue rob them of their quality of life anymore. Read her story at:

<http://getbackuptoday.com/teamup/beth/>

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