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ALS/MND Around the Globe: Looking Forward with Hope for the Future

Blog post from The ALS Association

After nearly three years of meeting entirely via screens, the global ALS community was able to once again gather together at the [International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations Meeting](#) to share ideas, best practices, stories, and hope for what the future might hold based on the progress made during those years apart.

Late in 2022, more than 200 leaders from over 40 countries representing the Alliance’s many member associations came together, both in person and virtually, to share updates on the progress being made around the world in ALS care, support, technology, science and organizational development.



“I think we're very poised as a community to continue moving forward. When you look at it on a global scale, that's really powerful, and that's what I'm starting to see from the International Alliance,” says Calaneet Balas, President and CEO of The ALS Association, Chair of the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations and host of the event in San Diego.

On a recent [Connecting ALS](#) podcast episode, we spoke with Cathy Cummings, executive director of the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations to learn more about what she sees ahead in 2023 for the ALS community and what she believes is truly providing hope for people living with ALS and their families around the globe.

The transcript below has been lightly edited for brevity and clarity.

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2023 Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant is Now Open

Exciting news! Our Chapter was able to award **257** grants totaling **\$200,000** in the 2022 Chapter Quality of Life Grant Year!

We're happy to announce that the **2023 Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant Year** will open on **Wednesday, February 1**. The Chapter can reimburse up to \$1,200 in eligible expenses to individuals who qualify. Receipts that meet these guidelines can be dated on or after January 5, 2023. **Please obtain your 2023 grant packet early. Funds are limited and grants are approved on a first come, first served basis.**

For more information or for a hard copy grant packet, please contact Carleen Hubbell, Care Services Coordinator, at (614) 273-2572 x110, or chubbell@ALSOhio.org. On or after February 1, you will find the grant application on our website at ALSOhio.org on the [Local Care Services](#) page.

Seeking Businesses for Pin-Up Sales or Sponsorships

The Chapter is seeking businesses throughout its territory to partner with us for event sponsorships or May ALS Awareness Month pin-up sales. Both the Strike Out ALS and Walk to Defeat ALS sponsorship levels start at \$500. Pin-up programs offer customers the opportunity to make donations at point-of-purchase at zero cost to the business.

If you know someone who works for – or owns - a business that might want to participate, **please ask them if they would be willing to talk with us about it and we'll take it from there.** Contact Amy Hall, Event Fundraising & Engagement Manager, at (866) 273-2572 x101 or at ahall@ALSOhio.org. Local businesses are essential partners in our mission to bring free services to people living with ALS and their loved ones.

Chapter Link Survey Update

Thank you to everyone who has taken our survey about the Chapter Link newsletter!

In the next couple of months, we'll be tabulating and analyzing the results. We will use your feedback to make improvements to our newsletter and other communications to give you the information you want, how you want it, and when you want it. We hope to share insights and plans with you sometime after the first of the year.

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What gives you hope today that we're on the right track and moving in the right direction in the fight against ALS and MND?

The things that really give me hope right now are first of all, the pipeline of treatments that are in the works and hopefully being approved down the road and hopefully will get positive results from the many, many clinical trials that are going on right now. So from the treatment side, that gives me hope.

The other thing that really gives me hope at the international level is how well the community has come together through virtual meetings over the last three years to really coalesce and use our resources in a coordinated way to help solve some of the bigger issues where we have access issues around things like technology and treatment availability and improving regulatory pathways.

The community has really come together at a global level and is having the important conversations to increase access everywhere in the world, especially in underrepresented communities.

What do you see as some of the big initiatives or challenges to face and tackle over the coming year?

Some of the initiatives that we're going to tackle over the coming year were really born out of some of the things that we worked on this year, so I'll mention three of them.

One is looking at outcome measures and trying to harmonize those around the world for clinical trials. So bringing together our whole stakeholder community, whether it's industry or people living with ALS and our member associations, to talk about what the outcome measures are we're using right now in clinical trials? How can they be improved to get to efficacy in a better way? What outcome measures are being developed and how can they be embedded as secondary endpoints or exploratory endpoints so that we have better information that we can give regulators for approval of treatments that are in the pipeline.

So that's a big conversation that's happening, and we, over the next year will be bringing together a consortium of stakeholders to continue that conversation at a global level so that we have a harmonized approach across the globe so that people in Europe are working the same way as North America, as Africa and South America and so on.

The second one is something that derives from our Innovation and Technology Advisory Council. They're really putting a focus on voice preservation and making that available around the world. Voice is such an important part of a person's identity and being able to communicate and connect with your loved ones and with any part of your community, and voice banking technology or voice preservation systems are not available everywhere in the world. They're being developed in the UK and in North America and in India and being developed in silos.

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So we at the global level want to really focus on voice preservation to make something available everywhere that is embedded into technology that everyone has, whether it's their cell phone or their laptop or whatever it is. We just really want to make it ubiquitous around the world so that everyone living with ALS has access to it no matter where they are, what their socioeconomic status is, or what language they speak.

The third one I'm excited about for next year is our continued work on genetics. We did a lot of work this year on gene discovery, on natural histories and on clinical management for genetics, and we had 14 projects that emerged from that. Obviously, we don't have the resources to deal with all 14, but we have just recently prioritized them, and we're going to try and take those forward.

And one of the principles that we're going to use in the genetics work that we are working on is making sure we're including underrepresented communities and being deliberately inclusive of parts of the world that haven't been studied as well as other parts of the world.

So we think we'll get to a better understanding of the disease, which is lacking right now if we include the entire globe in the analysis right from the beginning. So that's one of the pushes that we're going to really focus on in 2023.

What do you hope the message is 12 months from now?

I hope the message is that we have more approved treatments 12 months from now, that we have better access to voice preservation, voice banking, and that we have moved the needle forward on global research to be more inclusive.

Over the next several months, we will be sharing more about the ongoing worldwide progress taking place in ALS research, care and advocacy in our series “ALS Around the Globe.” We hope you will follow along and share with your family and friends. Sign up to follow us at als.org/blog.

Visit <https://connectingALS.org> to listen to the full Connecting ALS podcast episode with Cathy Cummings, “A Status Update on the Global Fight Against ALS.”

To continue to follow stories about people living with ALS in the community and learn more about the disease, subscribe to receive our weekly blogs in your inbox or follow us at als.org/blog

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CHAPTER EVENTS

Plan Early for 2023 Walk to Defeat ALS

We're excited to announce that the 2022 Walk to Defeat ALS surpassed its statewide goal! All cities posted strong results, with Cincinnati blowing past its goal by a wide margin. Here are the final Walk totals; drumroll please...



FINAL FUNDRAISING RESULTS			
WALK CITY	GOAL	RAISED	% OF GOAL
CINCINNATI	\$250,000	\$400,043	160%
COLUMBUS	\$225,000	\$202,370	90%
DAYTON	\$115,000	\$ 88,695	77%
SOUTHEAST OHIO	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,204	88%
STATEWIDE	\$605,000	\$704,315	116%

The income from these walks directly pays for the services provided to people and families living with the devastation of ALS. Thanks to you, these services remain free. Thank you for your support, and congratulations to all of the team captains and fundraisers who made this year a success!

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to release our dates and locations for 2023, including the **NEW LOCATION for the Dayton Walk – Day Air Ballpark, home of the Dayton Dragons!** Please save these dates and plan to join us in September 2023.

COLUMBUS WALK

Sunday, September 10
Coffman Park Pavilion
5568 Coffman Park Dr.
Dublin, OH 43017

CINCINNATI WALK

Sunday, September 17
Winton Woods Park
Harper Meadows Area
Cincinnati, OH 45231

DAYTON WALK

Sunday, September 24
Day Air Ballpark
220 N. Patterson Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45402

Walk Kickoff Events Are Making a Return!

We're also excited to announce that we will once again be hosting Walk Kickoff Events for new and returning Walk team captains and a guest. We're happy to bring this chance to connect and learn back to our three major walk cities.

These events will be a "lunch and learn" format. Each will include a lovely afternoon lunch with the opportunity to learn tips and tricks to creating a successful team, and meet other team fundraisers to share ideas and experiences. We will also help you set up your participant center so that you can hit the ground running for your team.

These are invitation-only events. If you were a team captain in 2022, or are considering being one in 2023, **save these dates!** Invitations with locations and details will be coming soon.

CINCINNATI KICKOFF

To Be Determined

COLUMBUS KICKOFF

Thursday, June 22

DAYTON KICKOFF

Thursday, June 29

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Your Chance to Win \$5K – For You & the Chapter

Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon is scheduled for May 7, and that means the Piggest Raffle Ever is right around the corner!

ADOPT YOUR PIG NOW for just \$5, at <https://www.piggestraffleever.com>. Each raffle entry is a chance for you to win prizes up to \$5,000 cash! If the winner purchased on behalf of the Chapter, we will also receive up to \$5,000 cash!

How's it Work? Easy! Purchase a raffle entry Pig for \$5 each on behalf of The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter from the drop-down menu. For each Pig purchased, you have a chance to win on Flying Pig Marathon Weekend and the Chapter will receive 100% of your donation!



Raffle Details: Entry deadline is **Saturday, May 6**; drawing held on **Sunday, May 7**. You do not need to be present to win but everyone is welcome to join in race weekend!

Cincinnati International Wine Festival Tickets Now Available

Winery Dinners, March 9th; Grand Tastings, March 10th and 11th

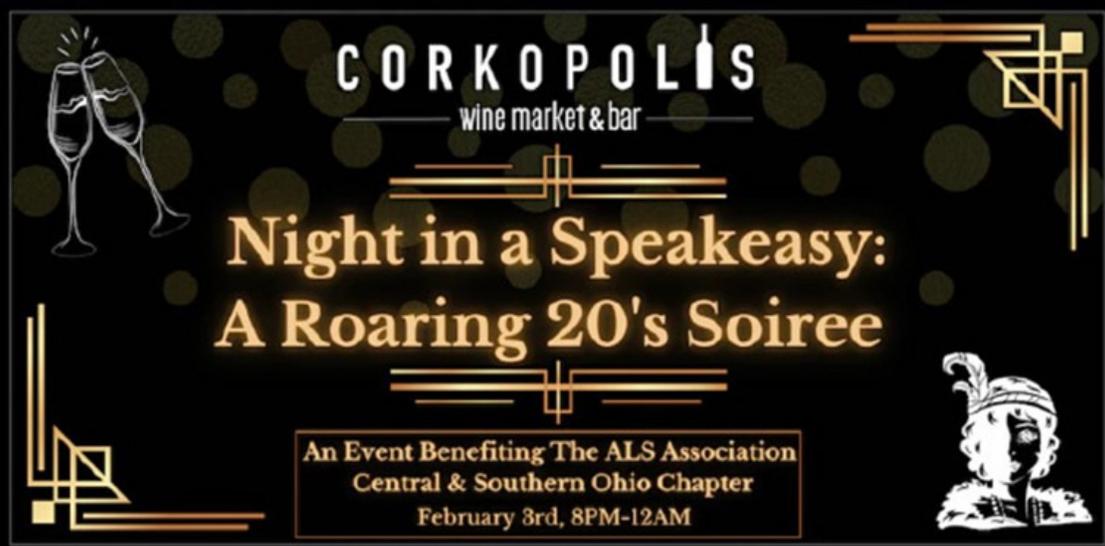


We have a fun opportunity for you to have a great time and support us while you're at it! You can support our Chapter while tasting wines from around the world at the 2023 Cincinnati International Wine Festival. This year's Festival events include the Winery Dinner Series, Grand Tastings, Collectors Tasting Room, and the Charity Auction & Luncheon.

The Festival is proud supporter of our Chapter! Over the past 30 years, the Festival has granted more than \$6.5 million to 30+ local charitable organizations, including ours. With every ticket you purchase, you are supporting our cause! Half of your ticket purchase is tax-deductible.

The festival takes place at the Duke Energy Convention Center, Exhibition Hall A, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. **Purchase tickets at <https://WineFestival.com>** for an unforgettable time for a great cause!

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CORKOPOLIS
wine market & bar

**Night in a Speakeasy:
A Roaring 20's Soiree**

An Event Benefiting The ALS Association
Central & Southern Ohio Chapter
February 3rd, 8PM-12AM

TICKETS: \$25 at the door, or buy online at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-in-a-speakeasy-a-roaring-20s-soiree-tickets-513367404727>

Corkopolis: 640 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

In partnership with the ALS Association Central Southern Ohio Chapter, Corkopolis presents Night in a Speakeasy: A Roaring 20's Soiree. We will have games, prizes, drink samplings, light bites, and of course a great time. All ticket sale proceeds will be given to the ALS Association Central Southern Ohio Chapter to help support them in their efforts in raising awareness. We hope to raise money for a good cause while having a roaring good time!

WHIFFLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Open to Golfers & Non-Golfers Alike



- TWOSOMES, FOURSOMES and INDIVIDUALS WELCOME
- 18 holes
- 9-irons, sand and pitching wedges only

100% of proceeds to benefit
The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter

Suggested donation: \$25 adults, \$20 kids 10 and up.
Kids under 10 free with paying adult.

Hosted by Mike Endejann and Team Nancy

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023
TEE TIMES BETWEEN 9AM-3PM

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Free parking at El Coyote Restaurant
Food & beverages!
Prizes awarded!

REMEMBERING

Cincinnati Area		Columbus Area		Dayton Area		Lima Area	
Brenda Burton	1-17-23	Robert Carter	12-25-22	Tony Krueger	1-5-23		
Scott Trapp	1-15-23			Lisa Altic	12-30-22		
Justin Lee	12-28-23			Robert Barrett	12-25-22		
Harry Leggett	12-21-22						

FREE FOR PALS

-Alternating air pressure mattresses (2), -Boogie boards, -Foam wedges (one small; one large), -Syringes (20+), -Cotton tipped applicators, -Swab sticks, -Drain sponges (split), -Jevity 1.2 (3.5 cases) -Gait belt, -Healthy Shot protein shots, peach, (1 case), -Hand braces, -Shoulder brace, -Neck braces (2) (soft), -feeding tube holder and - hair dryer holder. Items will need to be picked up. Located in Findlay. If interested, please contact: Lee at (419) 348-5908

Respiratory Supplies, Oral Suction Supplies, Oral Swabs, Suction Catheters, Suction Cannister Bottles—
Contact: Mark Witchey at Advanced Home Medical in Columbus—mwitchey@advhmed.com

Convaid Rodeo Tilt Stroller is a lightweight stroller that folds and tilts for comfort and support! Designed with caretakers in mind, this special needs tilt-in-space stroller fits children approximately 4 years old to small adults. <https://www.especialneeds.com/convaid-rodeo-tilt-stroller.html> If interested. Please **Text: 513.936.0986** We have just begun collecting our thoughts on items that we have and won't need anymore. These items will be useful for others, but thought to get the message out in this month's newsletter. **Please text or email for a list of FREE items to: Peter, Cincinnati, communications.confidential@gmail.com. Text: 513.936.0986**

RAZ Shower Chair and an Unused (NEW) extra large Bedside Commode. Please contact Jennifer VanHorne at (614)849-8613 or email : javh1965@gmail.com

Reverie Queen-size Adjustable Bed Frame—with Head and Foot adjustment and Massage. If interested, please call 614-937-8369 or 614-570-2383

Several boxes of Ensure, New Tubing for Feeding Tube, and Suction Tips. Please text or email me at 614-226-8152 or email: aholly1972@live.com

DeVilbiss 7305P-D Suction Unit (disposable parts replaced), **Roscoe Rite-Neb4 Nebulizer, Pulse Oximeter, CallToYou Call Button & Remote Alarm, Disposable 60 ml Syringes (30) 7.2 oz containers Nutrisource Fiber Supplement (4), nine cans of Nutren 2.0**
Contact Mike at (740) 587-7729 or email mvagengle@yahoo.com

Lift Chair—4 years old, excellent condition. Located in the Bexley area; needs to be picked up. If interested, call **Matt at (614) 937-8369**

FOR SALE

2007 Silver Dodge Grand Caravan STX (3/23) Handicap conversion van, wheelchair side entry w/ power fold down ramp. Q'Straint retractors. 124,000 miles, Well maintained, runs great, body in decent condition. Asking \$10,000 **Contact: Krista Burke for more information at (937)608-1961**

Quantum Q6 Edge powered wheelchair (4/23) with TRU-Balance, 3 power positioning. Drive wheels 14" solid, caster wheels, front and rear 6" solid. Maximum speed up to 5mph, turning radius 20". Overall length 35.5" without foot riggings, base width 24". Weight capacity 300lbs. Jay Union Cushion seating. Asking \$4,900. Free delivery within Ohio and surrounding states. For more information or photos, please Contact: Gemma Hatoum @937-689-3234 or e-mail at gh200001@hotmail.com

Invacare Hydraulic Lift Model 9805P (4/23) Comes with a body sling. 450 lbs. weight capacity. For all specs, google make & model, Asking \$400. Retail for \$580 with sling. Basically new, only used 3 times.

Invacare Tracer Sx5 Wheelchair Recliner Brand new; never used. Has desk length arms and T94HCP hemi elevating leg rests, 18" seat width, tall back, and padded calf pads.

For all specs, google make & above description, Asking \$350. Retail online for \$492. If interested in either item, please contact Tara at (740) 606-6033 or tara15935@gmail.com

Indoor Wheelchair Lift (1/23) Model VPL-3210B. Capacity 750 lbs. Platform size: 36" x 54". Platform Configuration: Enter/Exit same side. Platform Controls: Rocker Control w/ Emergency Stop. Top Landing: 36" Gate Electrical mechanical Interlock + Rocker Control w/ Call/Send Mounted in Frame. Bottom Landing: Call/Send - Surface Mount w/ Rocker Control. Bottom Landing Door: Door Baffle for Door by Buyer. No Pit - 3" stationary ramp. Travels up to 123". Used to travel from main level to basement.

Contact Heather @ 630-440-8547 for further details and pictures.

2019 Toyota Sienna XLE (1/23) Conversion Van with Side Door Under Car Ramp. Vehicle has 21,613 miles **Please contact Todd for more information (614) 595-3912 or email tfoley1114@gmail.com**

Hill-Rom P1900 Sport II Hospital Bed (1/23) has custom rotation, percussion & vibration features. Converts to chair position. Still under Warranty. Asking \$4,000. **Please Text at (937) 287-5754**

Permobil F3 Corpus Power Wheelchair (1/23) purchased 2018, Good Condition Asking \$8,000 OBO **Contact: Lori McCoy at (740) 412-2740 or email loribmccoy@aol.com**

2008 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT (12/22)– AMSVANS.com Handicap conversion van (lowered floor, center seats removed, side powered wheelchair ramp; had an EZ Lock BL-6290 wheelchair docking base, removed but available; we got four ratcheting ties installed), low 49,000 miles, gently used last 8 years, maintained well, garage parked. Asking \$14,000 OBO.

For questions, pictures email: Peter, Cincinnati, communications.confidential@gmail.com. Text: 513 936 0986

F3 Permobil Power Wheelchair (9/22) \$3,500 or OBO. **Electric Hoyer Lift** with 2 half slings, 1 full body sling, 3 batteries and charger \$150 OBO **Please contact Jennifer VanHorne at (614) 849-8613 or email : javh1965@gmail.com**

The Volkner Turning System (7/22) MARK 1 Mattress Overlay Air, includes a machine pump and mattress, asking \$450 OBO. **Please contact Kaitlyn via text or calling and leaving a message at (740) 649-9047.**

Caregiver & Survivor Groups

CINCINNATI CAREGIVER GROUP (current caregivers only)	No Group This Month		Yvonne Dressman, LSW	The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 7701 Kenwood Rd Cincinnati, OH 45236
CENTRAL OHIO CAREGIVER GROUP (current caregivers only)	Monday February 27, 2023 1:00—2:30 pm	Open Discussion	Carleen Hubbell, BS, MA	Virtual Only http://v.ringcentral.com/join/575440587 Meeting ID: 575440587 Or dial: +1 (650) 4191505 United States (San Mateo CA) Access Code/Meeting ID: 575440587
CENTRAL OHIO SURVIVOR GROUP	No Group This Month	A social lunch to enjoy the company of those who have experienced a loss to ALS (Lunch is on your own)	Carleen Hubbell	Hunan Lion 2038 Crown Plaza Drive (off Bethel Road) Columbus, OH 43235
CINCINNATI AREA SURVIVOR GROUP	No Group This Month	A social dinner to enjoy the company of those who have experienced a loss to ALS (Dinner on your own)	Host: Mary Naylor *Please RSVP to Mary Naylor at 513-891-1475	Slatts Pub 4858 Cooper Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 (Private Dining Room)
DAYTON REGIONAL AREA SURVIVORS GROUP Meets Tri-annually 4th Wednesday	Wednesday May 24, 2023 and Sept 27, 2023 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	A social dinner to enjoy the company of those who have experienced loss to ALS Dinner on Your Own (seating: Ask for ALS Survivors Group) Beaver creek	Mary Helme Claire Robbins Whitney Taverna Bob Westendorf	The Pub 39 Greene Boulevard Beavercreek, OH 45440 (in front of the Greene) The Pub (experienthepub.com)

Inclement Weather Announcement

It is that time of year when bad weather can affect Support Group meetings. Every attempt is made to report cancellations in a timely manner but winter weather can be unpredictable. Below is the Chapter procedure for providing information regarding changes or cancellations for your area support group. Time Permitting - Any cancellations or changes in Support Group meetings will be posted on the Chapter website - www.alsohio.org You may call the Columbus office at (614) 273-2572 or (866) 273-2572 between the hours of 9:30am and 3:30pm Monday through Friday. The Care Service Coordinator for your area will put a message on their phone if there are changes or cancellations. The Care Service Coordinators will send an e-mail to all known attendees if there are changes or cancellations. You are encouraged to have your email on file with the Chapter. Please remember that road conditions can vary by location.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SAFETY VERSUS ATTENDANCE AT SUPPORT GROUP. YOUR WELL-BEING IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN.

The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter Chapter-Wide Education and Exchange Groups

DATE	TOPIC	LOG-IN/CALL-IN INFORMATION
Monday February 13, 2023 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Facilitator: Yvonne Dressman	CINCINNATI REGIONAL AREA Open Discussion	In-Person Support Group The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 7701 Kenwood Rd Cincinnati, OH 45236
Monday February 6, 2023 6:30 pm –8:30 pm Facilitator: Carleen Hubbell	COLUMBUS REGIONAL AREA Important Documents Paula Taliaferro, MGS, MSW	Virtual Only http://v.ringcentral.com/join/575440587 Meeting ID: 575440587 Or dial: +1 (650) 4191505 United States (San Mateo CA) Access Code/Meeting ID: 575440587
Monday February 6, 2023 1:00pm-2:30 pm Facilitator Whitney Taverna LISW-S	GREATER DAYTON/Mid-NW REGION Open Discussion–Q&A	Virtual or Call-In Only https://v.ringcentral.com/join/240430372 (Meeting ID:240430372) or by phone: (650)419-1505 access code/ Meeting ID 240430372
Monday February 20, 2023 6:30pm—8:30 pm Facilitators: Whitney Taverna Bob Westendorf Julia Prince	GREATER DAYTON/Mid-NW REGION ALS Symptom Management Jonathan R. Strayer, MD Spinal Cord Injury Specialist Dayton VA Medical Center	In-Person Only Beavercreek Christian Church 3009 Shakertown Road Beavercreek, OH 45434 (Please drive to back of church to park. Our room is Multipurpose Room 212 and accessible only thru back door.)
Monday April 24, 2023 6: 00 pm–8:00 pm	CHAPTERWIDE VIRTUAL Alisa Brownlee, ATP, CLIPP, CAPS, WSP Assistive Technology Specialist/Consultant Chapter Care Services Home Modifications for Safety & Accessibility	Virtual Only http://v.ringcentral.com/join/575440587 Meeting ID: 575440587 Or dial: +1 (650) 4191505 United States (San Mateo CA) Access Code/Meeting ID: 575440587

Updated Information Regarding In-Person Education & Exchange and Caregiver Groups

As case numbers for Covid-19 continue to decrease in Ohio, the Chapter has decided to restart indoor Education & Exchange and Caregiver groups in certain areas, based on requests that we have received from families. The former restrictions that were put in place over the last several months, including mandatory masks and proof of vaccination will be lifted. Due to the risks that Covid infection presents to people with ALS, the Chapter strongly encourages group attendees to be vaccinated and to continue masking at indoor groups. If Covid-19 cases should spike over 50/100,000 cases in Ohio, the Chapter will reinstate the former restrictions until numbers stabilize. A Chapter-wide, virtual group option will continue to be made available to anyone not wishing to attend an in-person, indoor meeting.

REMINDERS

Monthly Chapter-Link Newsletter Mailings

The Chapter-Link is mailed to all patients who are registered with the Chapter. When individuals are no longer actively receiving services through the Chapter, they are removed from the newsletter mailing list. Former caregivers and interested parties are encouraged to continue receiving the newsletter by email. Newsletters dating back to one year from the current issue area available at www.alsohio.org – select “local services.”

National ALS Registry – Sign Up Today

**The National ALS Registry is the single largest ALS research project ever created and is designed to identify ALS cases throughout the entire United States. ** Most important, *the Registry is collecting critical information about the disease that will improve care for people with ALS and help us learn what causes the disease, how it can be treated and even prevented* – help us find a cure, sign up today! www.cdc.gov/als

Remembering Your Loved One Through a Memorial Gift

Losing someone to ALS is something that no one wants to experience. But many, through the frustration and pain, find a way to give back and honor their loved one. Your friends and family can help continue providing services for those still living with ALS by making a donation to the Chapter in memory of their loved one. This can be done by naming the Chapter in your loved one's obituary: Memorial donations may be made to The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter, 1170 Old Henderson Rd., Ste. 221, Columbus OH 43220. The Chapter sends thank you letters to all donors and acknowledgment to the family listing the names only (amount is not listed) of those who have made donations.

Attention Veterans

If you are a veteran with ALS or the spouse of a deceased veteran who had ALS, please contact The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter office (614-273-2572 or toll free 866-273-2572) for information on the Veterans Administration disability compensation program. Valuable resources can also be found on The ALS Association website, <http://www.alsa.org/policy/veterans.cfm>.

ALS Information for Kids and Teens

The Central & Southern Ohio Chapter is very grateful to The Marion Community Foundation - Spencer Stephens Fund for continuing support of a program benefiting the children and teens of our PALS. The Spencer Stephens' Flamingo Backpack Project is patterned after a program created by Deborah Feigenbaum, a clinical social worker associated with The ALS Association Connecticut Chapter. Working from this model, the Central & Southern Ohio Chapter developed a backpack with informational and fun resources to help kids cope with a having a parent or family member with ALS. Initially designed to provide ALS resources for children ages 6 to 12 years old, the project was expanded to include a teen version of the backpack and an outreach program for children under 6-years of age. If you know of children or teens who could benefit from an ALS information packet (some limitations apply), please call Chapter Care Services (866) 273- 2572.

ALS Wristbands and Magnetic Car Ribbons

The ALS wristbands are available for purchase through The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter office. The wristbands are red silicone with “Fighting Lou Gehrig’s Disease” on the outside and “The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter” on the inside. Cost for the wristbands is \$2.00 per wristband plus postage. Magnetic “Fighting Lou Gehrig’s Disease” car ribbons are also available from The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter office. Individual magnets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Orders of five or more are available for \$4.00/magnet plus \$4.00 shipping. For more information, call (614) 273-2572 or toll free (866) 273-2572



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