



The Chapter-Link

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Saturday
September 24, 2022
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Dayton Walk
September 11, 2022
Fairborn Community Park

Columbus Walk
September 18, 2022
Coffman Park

Cincinnati Walk
September 25
Harper Meadows

Southeast Ohio Walk
October 1, 2022
Burr Oak State Park
Glouster, OH

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Announcing Care Services Director Wendy Haas

We are pleased to welcome Wendy Haas, RN as the Chapter's new Care Services Director! Wendy is already uniquely familiar with the organization, as she previously served as one of our care services coordinators from 2003 to 2008. Originally from Chicago, Wendy has more than 38 years of nursing experience in Illinois, Texas and Ohio.



As Director Wendy is responsible for leading the Chapter-wide Care Services team, implementing and enhancing patient programs, and sharing in direct patient case management. Wendy is well-suited for this role, as for the past ten years she has worked as a nurse educator and has additional background in home health nursing, hospice nursing, and case management.

On winter weekends you can find Wendy and her husband on the slopes at Mad River Mountain, where they work as nationally certified, professional snowboard instructors. She is also a grandmother to six; three girls and three boys ages seven to almost a year.

We Need YOU to Help Us Meet Our Goal!

Goal at 33%, with only ONE MONTH to go until the first Walk to Defeat ALS

If ALS has touched your life, please help people living with this devastating disease by donating to our Walk to Defeat ALS!

It's only through YOUR GIFTS that people are receiving FREE services for ALS that they can't get anywhere else. You make it possible for them to have the equipment, resources, and support they need to live their lives to the fullest.

Today, only four weeks out until the first of our four Walks, we are only at 33% of our goal. **Will you please make a donation today?** If you want to do more, register for a Walk near you and fundraise for even higher levels of support!

. . . . Read more about the Walk on page 6

Chapter Link Survey is Now Available

Last month we shared that we would soon be sending out a survey to get your opinions on this newsletter and what you would like to see changed.



We're happy to say that the survey was mailed on Wednesday, August 10th to everyone on the Chapter Link mailing list, so hopefully you've received yours in the mail.

If you would prefer to take the survey online, you can do so at this link: <https://bit.ly/ChapterLinkSurvey> or by using the QR code on the right. **Thank you for your opinion!**

Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant

This year the Chapter can reimburse individuals who qualify for the **Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant** up to \$1,200 in qualifying expenses.

For more information, or to apply for the grant: Please call or email care services coordinator Carleen Hubbell. She can be reached at – 614.273..2572 extension 110, or chubbell@alsohio.org . You can also find more information on the Chapter **Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant and the Grant Application** on the Chapter website - [Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant](#)

Connecting ALS Podcast

Have you tuned in? In 2020, The ALS Association launched a weekly podcast, Connecting ALS, that shines a national spotlight on the people, research, and policy issues central to the fight against ALS.



The podcast aims to discuss the latest in ALS research and technology developments, share updates and highlights of the Association's advocacy efforts, and share personal stories that will resonate across the nationwide ALS community and beyond.

There are so many important topics that warrant the kind of extended discussion a podcast provides. We hope the community finds great value in the podcast and contributes to the ongoing conversation.

Visit <https://www.connectingals.org> to stream, download and subscribe to the podcast. You can also find the show on your favorite podcast app and smart home assistants. If data usage is a hindrance, you can also use Bullhorn to listen via phone call.

RESEARCH

Cytokinetics Adds Decade of Trial Findings to PRO-ACT Database

ALS research can benefit from this large source of de-identified patient records

(www.ALSNewsToday.com)

The Pooled Resource Open-Access ALS Clinical Trials (PRO-ACT) database, the largest collection of de-identified records on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) patients in clinical trials, has been updated with records of participants in three Cytokinetics-sponsored studies.

Newly added findings derive from a decade of trials involving nearly 600 ALS patients. Those studies include the BENEFIT-ALS (NCT01709149) and VITALITY-ALS (NCT02496767) trials, which investigated the treatment candidate tirasemtiv in people with ALS, as well as the FORTITUDE-ALS (NCT03160898) trial that tested reldesemtiv.

A separate Phase 3 trial of reldesemtiv in people with moderate-to-fast progressing disease but recent symptoms is also underway and enrolling globally.

“We are pleased to share these data with the ALS community to further research, understanding, and potential breakthroughs for people living with this grievous disease,” Fady I. Malik, MD, PhD, executive vice president of research and development at Cytokinetics, said in a company press release.

“We recognize that we all benefit from shared insights, successes, and even failures if we are going to ultimately make a difference in the lives of many. We thank the people living with ALS who participated in our clinical trials to make this possible,” Malik added.

ALS researchers can freely access PRO-ACT

The PRO-ACT database is sponsored by the ALS Association and managed by the Neurological Clinical Research Institute at Massachusetts General Hospital. It contains more than 11,000 records, stripped of identifying information, on ALS patients who took part in 23 completed clinical studies to date. Currently, PRO-ACT has more than 10 million data points collected from patients over time, including their demographics, laboratory and medical results, and family history.

These data are freely available to the scientific community for use in research. The PRO-ACT database was awarded the \$50,000 Healey Center Prize for Innovation in ALS last year.

“We are grateful to Cytokinetics for their partnership and transparency, enabling the global research community to leverage these data in their ongoing analyses and research activities,” said Neil Thakur, Ph.D., Chief Mission Officer at The ALS Association, in their press release.

To read more, visit <https://alsnewstoday.com/news/support-als-research-cytokinetics-adds-trial-data-pro-act/>.

UPDATES

New Ohio Communication Disability Database

Any individual with a medically diagnosed communication disability, who drives or regularly has someone with a communication disability in their vehicle, can voluntarily enroll in a database that connects to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). The law enforcement officer can then be made aware that the driver or a person in the vehicle may have difficulty communicating and can approach the vehicle with awareness to reduce any potential misunderstandings or problems.

Individuals who are interested in self-identifying can complete a Verification Form and take it to their licensed medical practitioner who can validate the individual has a communication disability. Verification forms can be found online at <https://ood.ohio.gov/laws-rules-and-policies/forms/verification-form>

Completed Verification Forms can be mailed to:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Attention: Remittance/DPU
P.O. Box 16521
Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521

Completed applications can also be e-mailed to VIS-Administration@dps.ohio.gov or hand delivered to any Deputy Registrar (BMV).

For more information, call 614-438-1203 or 1-800-282-4536, extension 1203, or visit Frequently Asked Questions online at <https://ood.ohio.gov/laws-rules-and-policies/communication-disability-law-faq>.

Seeking Clarity and Urgency in the FDA's Action Plan

On August 4, The ALS Association filed comments with the FDA asking for clarity and heightened urgency in the agency's Action Plan for Rare Degenerative Diseases, including ALS.

This plan, which is something ALS community worked to include in the ACT for ALS, is a requirement for the FDA to publish a report describing how it will foster the development of new drugs to treat ALS and other neurodegenerative diseases for the next 5 years. While we believe that the efforts described are largely beneficial and should be funded by Congress, the plan would benefit from significant refinement.

In a letter accompanying our feedback, we laid out three guiding principles to help frame FDA's work:

- Speed is essential.
- Accountability drives results.
- Inclusivity builds momentum.

We are thankful the FDA has provided a plan and insights as to how they will support the development of new drugs for ALS and other rare neurodegenerative diseases. However, this 5-year plan does not sufficiently address the needs of someone currently living with ALS. The FDA should prioritize their activities to speed the development of new therapies for ALS. The Plan is also unclear as to who at the FDA is accountable for this effort and how the FDA will update the public on their goals.

We look forward to the FDA refining this plan and accelerating the search for treatments and cures for ALS. To read our comments in their entirety, visit <https://www.als.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/ALS-Assoc-Comment-Letter-re-FDA-ALS-Action-Plan.pdf>.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CHAPTER EVENTS

Volunteers Needed for the Walk to Defeat ALS!

It takes a lot of people to make the Walk to Defeat ALS events happen. But, as they say, many hands make light work - so we need YOU!

Will you help as a volunteer?

Visit <https://bit.ly/CSOHvolunteer> to select your city to see the various volunteer roles and sign up for one to-day. Spots are available throughout the day. If you want to walk the route, just let us know and we'll find a role that can work around it.

Reach out to Amy Hall, your Walk manager, anytime for help or questions at ahall@ALSohio.org or by phone at 614-273-2572, ext. 101. We look forward to seeing you at the Walks!

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS
THE ALS ASSOCIATION

TOP WALK TEAMS

as of 8/12/22

Cincinnati

- Larry's Band of Brothers (and Sisters) - \$21,130
- Passionate Caring Souls - \$8,506
- Team Denier-Herrmann - \$5,100

Columbus

- Magnum JF - \$8,080
- Stach Jacques Attack ALS - \$4,535
- #TammysTribe - \$4,223

Dayton

- ALS Needs a Miracle - \$10,150
- Team Pumpkin Shiraz - \$7,320
- Team Megan - \$2,290

Southeast Ohio

- Team Laurie - \$3,850
- Team Jackie - \$500
- Sunflower Strong - \$100

Fundraising totals are growing every day! Keep your team going strong to qualify for our annual Walk Awards for top-performing teams in each city!

Thank you for supporting people living with ALS!

2022 LOCAL WALK SPONSORS

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CHAPTER EVENTS



2022 Walk to Defeat ALS® PICK-UP EVENT

Pick up walk goodies, drop off donations, get help with registration, meet with ALS staff and volunteers

CINCINNATI EVENT

Tuesday, September 6
5:30-7:30 pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7701 Kenwood Rd,
Cincinnati, OH 45256

COLUMBUS EVENT

Thursday, September 8
5:30-7:30 pm
Upper Arlington Lutheran Church
2300 Lytham Rd,
Columbus, OH 43220

DAYTON EVENT

Wednesday, September 7
5:30-7:30 pm
The Greene Town Center,
Greene Connect Bldg on
Glengarry Dr behind splash
pad, Beavercreek, OH 45440



ALL WALKERS

Get free yard signs and your Walk to Defeat ALS key and lanyard showing the reason you're walking. Get one for everyone on your team!



INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS \$90+

Individuals who have raised or donated \$90 or more will receive a free 2022 Unlock ALS t-shirt!



INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS \$2,500+

Individuals and teams who have raised \$2,500 or more get a Walk Box filled with surprise goodies from Walk sponsors and The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CHAPTER EVENTS



14th Annual Tee-Off on ALS

Community Partner

4-Person Ryder Cup Charity Golf

An Event to Benefit
The ALS Association

The ALS Association is the only national not-for-profit voluntary health organization dedicated solely to the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease. All proceeds benefit The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter.

October 10th, 2022 at Heatherwoode Golf Course



Check-in Begins: 7:00 AM

Tee-Off: 8:30 AM (Shotgun)

Only: \$260/Team or \$65/Player

Sign-up at: hjingal@gmail.com

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Harry (850)712-4775 cell

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Heatherwoode Golf Course, 88 Heatherwoode Blvd, Springboro, OH 45066; (937) 748-3222

5TH ANNUAL RACING MOWERS & KARTS



2 Brothers Race Way
9068 Limerick Rd, Chillicothe, OH

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September 23rd

Practice @ 12n, Pit Party to follow. Sponsored by:
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September 24th - Race!

Gates open 8:00 a.m. Racing @ 1:00

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REMEMBERING

Cincinnati Area		Columbus Area		Dayton Area		Lima Area
Gerald Lilly	8-12-22	Thomas Stiver	8-5-22	Luther Chattman	8-3-22	
William Bolger	8-10-22	Shelly Few	8-2-22	Brenda Nolan	7-20-22	
James Kanter	7-14-22	Jack Collins	7-30-22	John "Skip" Coleman	7-14-22	
Ernestine Murray	7-20-22	Leeann Conner	7-16-22			
		Joseph Dick	7-14-22			
		John "Chris" Urbach	7-7-22			
		William "Bill" Stevens	4-2-22			

FREE FOR PALS

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**

Hill-Rom Bed with Hill-Rom Wound Care Mattress **Please contact Jennifer VanHorne at (614) 849-8613 or email : javh1965@gmail.com**

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

Metal, sectional Wheelchair Ramp with handrails—in good condition and a **Residential Stair Lift.**
Contact: Tim Cory at 614-376-8795 or email timcory@att.net

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**

INVACARE Brand wheeled shower/commode chair with cushion and **DRIVE** Brand manual Hoyer Lift; hardly used with slings **Contact: James at (380) 222-1700**

FOR SALE

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

2020 Buick Enclave (11/22) Wheelchair accessible-All wheel drive, less than 29K miles, Asking \$55,500. V-6 engine, conversion by Freedom Motors, 9 speed automatic transmission, 2 panoramic sunroofs, Perelli Tires w/less than 9500 miles, cruise control, backup camera, premium ride suspension, Buick Infotainment System: Navigation, Sirius XM, USB ports, Bluetooth, Apple Car Play, Android Auto App, Tri-zone climate control. **Rear Entry has spring assembled (35 x 60) Aluminum Ramp with Remote, EZ Lock Box to secure wheelchair**, Q-Straint tie-down system installed for seat belt, powder coated, non-slip floor. More information & pictures available.

Contact Kim Moening at samstaun@gmail.com or call (614) 561-3115

Shower Buddy Roll-In Buddy Tilt Bathing Wheelchair (11/22) with commode & floor threshold. Used twice. Asking \$1,000. **Hill-Rom P1900 Sport II Hospital Bed** w/ custom rotation, percussion & vibration features. Converts to chair position. Still under Warranty. Asking \$6,000 **Please Text at (937) 287-5754**

Permobil F3 Corpus Power Wheelchair (11/22) purchased 2018, Good Condition Asking \$8,000 OBO

Contact: Lori McCoy at (740) 412-2740 or email loribmccoy@aol.com

Quantum Q6 Edge3 Power Wheelchair (11/22) Excellent condition, Very well kept. Hardly used. New batteries Purchased for \$19,000—Asking \$10,000 OBO located in Canal Winchester **Contact Bob at (614) 787-0039**

Pride Revo 4-Wheel Drive Scooter (10/22) Never Used. Sold by MedMart. Original cost \$1,837. Asking \$1,000.

Kalmia King Size (2 Twin XL) Perfect Height Adjustable Bed (9/22) with 2 side rails. Sold by MedMart, in Excellent Condition. Original cost \$6,920. Asking \$1,500. Lebanon OH area. **Call or text 513-304-3126**

Quantum Q6 Edge Power Wheelchair (7/22) many accessories included. Asking \$2,500.00

Please **Contact Barb at (937) 763-2564**. If no answer, please leave a message

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

<p>CINCINNATI CAREGIVER GROUP (current caregivers only)</p>	<p>No Group This Month</p>		<p>Yvonne Dressman, LSW</p>	<p>The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 7701 Kenwood Rd Cincinnati, OH 45236</p>
<p>CENTRAL OHIO CAREGIVER GROUP (current caregivers only)</p>	<p>Monday September 19, 2022 1:00—2:30 pm</p>	<p>Open Discussion Dempsey Family Resource Center, Riverside Hospital In-Person Attendance Limited</p>	<p>Carleen Hubbell, BS, MA Melinda McGuire, MSW</p>	<p>Virtual & In-Person http://v.ringcentral.com/join/575440587 Meeting ID: 575440587 Or dial: +1 (650) 4191505 United States (San Mateo CA) Access Code/Meeting ID: 575440587</p>
<p>CENTRAL OHIO SURVIVOR GROUP</p>	<p>No Group This Month</p>	<p>A social dinner to enjoy the company of those who have experienced a loss to ALS (Dinner on your own)</p>	<p>*Please RSVP to Carleen Hubbell chubbell@alsohio.org or 614-273-2572 ext. 110</p>	<p>T B D</p>
<p>CINCINNATI AREA SURVIVOR GROUP</p>	<p>No Group This Month</p>	<p>A social dinner to enjoy the company of those who have experienced a loss to ALS (Dinner on your own)</p>	<p>Host: Mary Naylor *Please RSVP to Mary Naylor at 513-891-1475</p>	<p>Slatts Pub 4858 Cooper Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 (Private Dining Room)</p>
<p>DAYTON AREA CAREGIVER GROUP</p>	<p>Tuesday September 27, 2022 1:00 pm—2:30 pm</p>	<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Whitney Taverna MSW, LISW, ACHP-SW</p>	<p>Virtual Group http://meetings.ringcentral.com/join/170631480or by phone +16504191505 Meeting ID: 170631480</p>
<p>DAYTON REGIONAL AREA SURVIVORS GROUP Meets 3 Times/ Year on 4th Wednesday 6:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p>Wednesdays September 28, 2022 January 25, 2023 May 24, 2023 September 27, 2023</p>	<p>Dinner On Your Own (seating: Ask for ALS Survivors Group) Beavercreek</p>	<p>Mary Helme Claire Robbins</p>	<p>The Pub 39 Greene Boulevard Beavercreek, OH 45440 (in front of the Greene) The Pub (experiencethepub.com)</p>

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

DATE	TOPIC	LOG-IN/CALL-IN INFORMATION
Monday September 12, 2022 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Facilitator: Yvonne Dressman	CINCINNATI REGIONAL AREA Medicare 101 Karin D. Cornwell, Retired Med	In-Person Support Group The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 7701 Kenwood Rd Cincinnati, OH 45236
Monday September 12, 2022 6:30 pm –8:30 pm Facilitator: Carleen Hubbell	COLUMBUS REGIONAL AREA - Hybrid Meeting Attend Virtual or In Person Dr. John Novak ALS Update Virtual Group http://meetings.ringcentral.com/join/575440587 Meeting ID: 575440587 or dial: +1(650) 419.1505 United States	McConnell Heart Health Center 3773 Olentangy River Road Columbus, OH 43214
Monday September 12, 2022 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Facilitator: Whitney Taverna	GREATER DAYTON/Mid-NW REGION In-Person & Virtual Group Learn About the VOCSN, Trilogy & Respiratory DME Angela King, Mobile Medical <u>In Person: RSVP needed by 1 week prior to group.</u> <u>If we do not have adequate in-person RSVPs,</u> <u>we will only hold group virtually.</u> <u>Virtual Option Available</u> <u>Join Virtually using this link:</u> http://v.ringcentral.com/join/170631480 Meeting ID: 170631480 or by phone 1(650) 419-1505 Please email wtaverna@alsohio.org if you attend virtually or by phone (or put a note in the chat)	In-Person Support Group Location Beavercreek Christian Church 3009 Shakertown Road Beavercreek, OH 45434 <u>DO NOT PARK IN FRONT LOT</u> <u>DRIVE TO BACK OF CHURCH</u> <u>TO PARK & ENTER</u> Walk in the door on your right. Handi- capped entrance on your left of that door. We meet in the Multipurpose Room 212—last room on your right from back entrance
Monday OCTOBER 24, 2022 6: 00 pm–8:00 pm	CHAPTERWIDE VIRTUAL What to Know about Medicare & Medicaid Waiver Programs Speakers: Kendra Burford, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIP) Liaison and Sue Howson, Waiver Clinical Manager, Central Ohio Area on Aging (COAAA)	Virtual Group Only http://meetings.ringcentral.com/join/575440587 Meeting ID: 575440587 or dial: +1(650) 419.1505 UnitedStates

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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