



# The Chapter-Link

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### Our New Name – ALS United Central & Southern Ohio!

The last year has been a time of amazing growth and evolution for The ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter. We are embracing change with excitement and optimism. Recently, I shared that our Chapter is separating from The ALS Association and standing up as a fully independent nonprofit organization.

**We are excited to share our new name and look!**



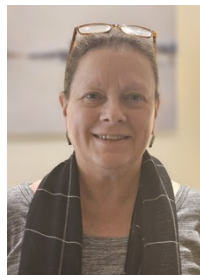
**We are still the same people with the same mission.** We will continue to provide compassionate care and support for people with ALS while also supporting advocacy and research for new treatments and a cure for ALS.

**You can be assured that our commitment to Local Services, Advocacy, and Research is stronger than ever.**

Our community events that you know and love like ALS Walks and Lou Gehrig Day baseball games will continue too – with new names, but also with the assurance that you know you are contributing to our local ALS community.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being a champion for ALS in our community. Together we make a difference. **If you have any questions or feedback, I would love to hear from you!**

Sincerely,



Marlin K. Seymour, Executive Director  
ALS United Central & Southern Ohio  
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### 2023 Chapter Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant –

#### **Please Apply Early!**

The Chapter **2023 Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant** is Open! You can find out if you qualify for the Grant and download the necessary Grant Packet on our local care services page

[2023 Chapter Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant](#)

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 Chapter Quality of Life Reimbursement 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](mailto:chubbell@alsohio.org).

### Seeking Businesses for Pin-Up Sales or Sponsorships

We are seeking businesses throughout our territory to partner with us for event sponsorships or retail pin-up sales. The “Walk to Defeat ALS” sponsorship levels start as low as \$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](mailto:ahall@ALSohio.org). Local businesses are essential partners in our mission to bring free services to people living with ALS and their loved ones.

### Newsletter 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.

# RESEARCH UPDATES

## **BrainStorm, FDA to discuss plans for Phase 3b trial of NurOwn on Dec. 6**

Meeting follows agency's rejection of therapy's efficacy in earlier Phase 3 study  
by [Andrea Lobo, PhD](#) | November 27, 2023  
*Originally posted on [ALSNewsToday.com](#)*

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) soon will meet with [BrainStorm Cell Therapeutics](#) to discuss the company's plans for a confirmatory Phase 3b trial of [NurOwn](#) in people with [amyotrophic lateral sclerosis](#) (ALS).

The expedited, face-to-face meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6, less than two months after the company [dropped its application for NurOwn's approval](#) in treating ALS.

Its withdrawal came on the heels of a [negative FDA advisory committee opinion](#), whose members nearly unanimously found not enough evidence to support the drug's effectiveness in ALS. The FDA then invited BrainStorm to request a meeting concerning next steps in NurOwn's development.

"We are pleased that the FDA has granted this expedited in-person meeting to discuss the best path forward for NurOwn for ALS," Chaim Lebovits, BrainStorm's president and CEO, said in a [company press release](#).

### **NurOwn aims to treat ALS by helping to protect nerve cells**

BrainStorm plans to use the meeting to seek a special protocol assessment agreement with the FDA, which would establish that the agency agrees with the proposed study's design and its adequacy in meeting FDA criteria for a potential regulatory review for treatment approval.

"Our proposed plan is to conduct a confirmatory Phase 3b trial and it is important that we are aligned with the Agency on the expected requirements for re-submitting a Biologics License Application," Lebovits said. "We believe that reaching an agreement ... on the overall [trial] protocol design and the adequacy to address the requirements for marketing approval will be a key step to position the company for success."

NurOwn is a cell-based therapy designed to boost nerve cell survival and prevent the neurodegeneration that happens in ALS. It uses mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) — precursor cells that can differentiate into different cell types — that are harvested from a patient's bone marrow.

Collected MSCs are grown in the lab, where they are converted into cells that produce large amounts of neurotrophic factors, signaling molecules that promote neuronal growth and survival. The modified cells then are returned to the patient via an intrathecal (spinal canal) injection, where they are expected to improve motor neuron survival.

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# RESEARCH UPDATES

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BrainStorm conducted a [Phase 3 trial \(NCT03280056\)](#) testing the safety and efficacy of NurOwn in 189 adults with rapidly progressing ALS. Patients received three injections of either NurOwn or a placebo, given every two months, and were followed for 28 weeks (about seven months).

While more patients treated with NurOwn experienced a meaningful reduction in disease progression, as measured by a 1.25-point slower rate of decline in the ALS Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R), the trial [failed to significantly slow disease progression](#), its primary goal.

## **BrainStorm argued for NurOwn benefits in patients with less advanced ALS**

The company argued that a large proportion of trial patients had advanced disease when the study started, which could have masked the therapy's benefits. In line with that, post-hoc analyses including only [patients with less advanced ALS](#) showed that NurOwn could significantly reduce disease progression.

When the [FDA declined to review a request for NurOwn's approval](#), citing insufficient evidence of the therapy's efficacy, the company met with an FDA advisory committee, whose experts reviewed the available clinical data and heard patient perspectives before deciding, in a 17 to 1 vote, that evidence did not support the post-hoc analyses.

These experts did not agree that enrolling people with more advanced disease had a floor effect that masked the treatment's effects on ALS progression. They also noted that later analyses of trial data looking at patient subgroups are prone to false positive results and should be examined with caution.

Based on this meeting, BrainStorm withdrew its application requesting NurOwn's approval. The decision was coordinated with the FDA, which said the withdrawal will not negatively impact a future refiling.

"We remain committed to our goal of making NurOwn available to the ALS community," Lebovits said.

## **Bumper Sticker Fundraiser Supporting Team Nancy**



Longtime supporter Mike Endejann has created bumper stickers to help unlock ALS. The sticker is 3"x11", printed on a removable vinyl material with a paper backing that can be placed on car bumpers (metal or plastic), windows, doors, laptop covers, etc.

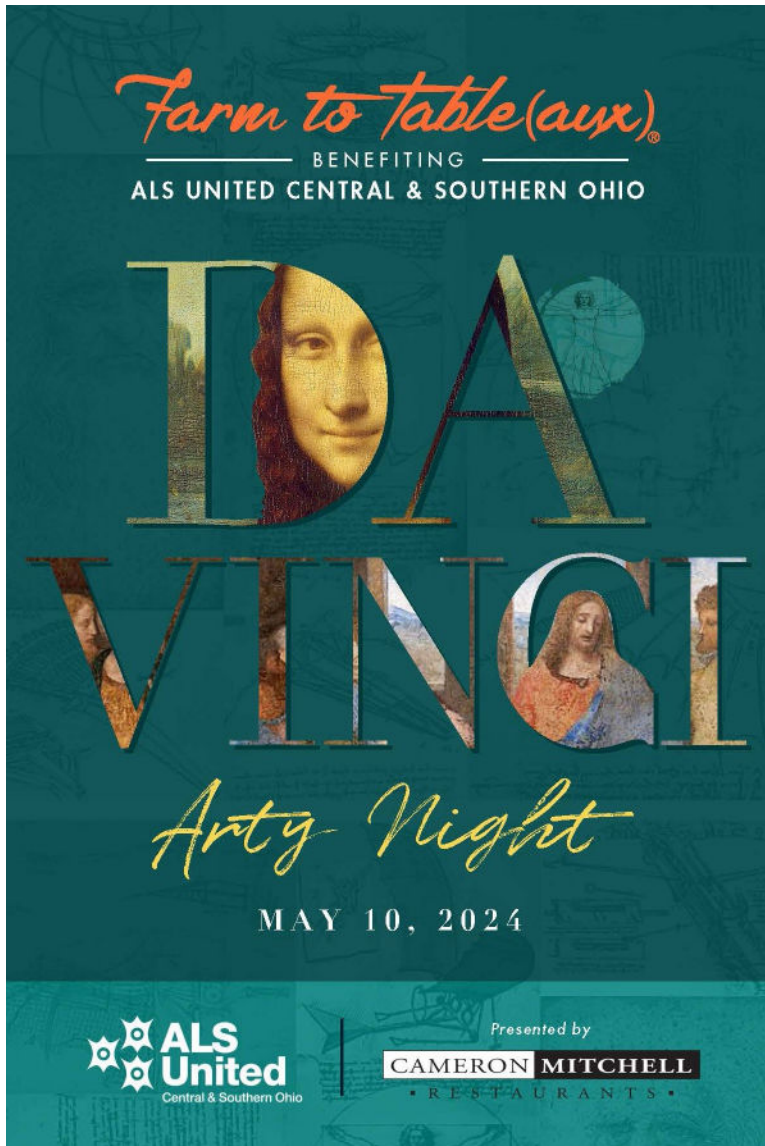
"This fundraiser is being conducted in memory of my wife, Nancy Endejann. She passed in January, 2020 after enduring one year with ALS. I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past July, by myself. It is not supposed to happen that way. The funds will be credited to Team Nancy."

The cost for a single sticker is \$10 and \$9 apiece for more than one. Proceeds of \$6 or more from each sticker sold will benefit ALS United Central & Southern Ohio through Team Nancy.

To order one or more stickers, please follow the below link <http://secure.alsohio.org/goto/ALSbumpersticker>. Please contact Mike Endejann at [hmendejann@zoomtown.com](mailto:hmendejann@zoomtown.com) with questions.

# UPDATES

## SAVE THE DATE!



### Farm to Table(aux)

Cocktail Soiree &  
Seated Dinner

Theme:

DaVinci's Arty Night

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024**

**THE EXCHANGE AT BRIDGE PARK**

**Dublin, Ohio**

**5:30 PM**

- Feast on farm-to-table cuisine
- Indulge in artisan cocktails, craft beer and wines
- Enjoy creative Tableaux Vivants
- Enter the Mystère Box Raffle
- Bid on artful auction items

### ***It's an Artful Feast for the Senses***

We're excited to bring this exclusive premier event to Columbus! All proceeds will benefit ALS United Central & Southern Ohio. We're working hard to make this an event unlike anything Columbus has ever seen. Tickets will be available in February 2024. For more information and sponsorship opportunity details, visit [FarmToTableaux.com/ColumbusOH](https://FarmToTableaux.com/ColumbusOH).



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CHAPTER EVENTS

## It's a Delicious Time of Year!

It's time once again for the annual sale of HoneyBaked Ham gift cards! Each year from October 1 through December 31, The HoneyBaked Ham Company makes a generous donation to our Chapter of 20 percent of all cards purchased by our supporters.



You can purchase gift cards online - just visit <https://bit.ly/HoneyBakedHope> to place your order. You can choose either an E-gift card, which will be available immediately, or a physical card that will be shipped to you in 15-20 business days.

HoneyBaked Ham gift cards are a perfect gift item and can be sent directly to another person, if you like. This holiday season, consider using HoneyBaked Ham gift cards as a way to thank your employees for a job well done while giving back to the community at the same time.

But don't wait! Order now so you can use the cards at any HoneyBaked Ham store to set your holiday table.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our office toll free at 866-273-2572 x100 or in Columbus at 614-273-2572 x100.

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CHAPTER EVENTS

## WALK AWARDS & GOAL PROGRESS

We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has participated or donated to our annual Walk ALS events.

This year, donors have given a total of \$822,629 across all three city events! This funding makes free services possible for the more than 600 people and families living with ALS that we serve.

Walk donations will continue to be accepted through 12/31/2023. A final report on Walk performance will be available after the first of the year.

## CINCINNATI

**Over Goal!**  
**\$428,075 RAISED**

Goal: \$420,000

Top Fundraiser - Returning Team  
JimmyB - \$45,202

Top Fundraiser - New Team  
pAuL'S pals - \$35,202

Top Individual Fundraiser on a Team  
James Bowman - \$34,214

Top Individual Fundraiser  
Jim Klopp - \$1,000  
Mary Jean Tenover - \$1,000

T-Shirt Contest Winner  
Kids4Cure

## COLUMBUS

**Over Goal!**  
**\$279,526 RAISED**

Goal: \$225,000

Top Fundraiser - Returning Team  
We Mean Bizness - \$32,302

Top Fundraiser - New Team  
Team Thor - \$32,640

Top Individual Fundraiser on a Team  
Nancy Pimm - \$30,669

Top Individual Fundraiser  
Liz Blakeslee - \$3,204

T-Shirt Contest Winners  
Tim's Team  
Team Merkle

## DAYTON

**Over Goal!**  
**\$115,103 RAISED**

Goal: \$115,000

Top Fundraiser - Returning Team  
Team Pumpkin Shiraz - \$13,362

Top Fundraiser - New Team  
Joe "Freaking" Ryan's Warriors - \$16,184

Top Individual Fundraiser on a Team  
Chris Mullins - \$11,651

Top Individual Fundraiser  
Patti Russell-Campbell - \$5,131

T-Shirt Contest Winners  
Team Burns

# REMEMBERING

Cincinnati Area	Columbus Area	Dayton Area	Lima Area
Betty Kitchen 11-22-23	Patrick Lang 11-13-23	Dessie Bowman 11-20-23	Donald Wilson 11-20-23
Vicki Conley 11-13-23	Ilona Lee Thibaut 11-7-23	Cathy Buzalewski 11-6-23	
Mary Lynch 11-5-23	Vivian Worthington 11-3-23	Michael Fulton 11-1-23	
Pamela Waugh 11-4-23	Sharlene Jones 10-25-23	Franklin Miller 10-31-23	
Kathy Schulte 11-3-23	Ronda Wolfe 10-24-23		

# FOR SALE

**2009 Gold Toyota Sienna XLE Braun Rampvan.** Has 144,310 miles, a ramp, four anchors, and straps to accommodate a power wheelchair. Can also seat 4 additional passengers plus driver. Front seats formatted to remove for wheelchair access. Van was just serviced and in good working condition. Minor cosmetic issues but runs smoothly and has been reliable. Asking \$10,000 OBO. **Contact Zoe Dennhardt at 937-760-5596 serious inquiries only.**

**Wheelchair Lift - RAM Trus-T-Lift Vertical Platform Lift.** Indoor or garage. Capacity 750 lbs. Travel height up to 28". Aluminum platform is 48" x 60" with 35" railings, configured as enter then exit right at 90 degrees (can be reconfigured). Lift is 36" x 54" with 42" sides and automatic folding 8" ramp, and has Up/Down soft touch paddle controls plus emergency stop in lift, with remote call button. Used in garage for motorized wheelchair to travel to main level. Like new. Asking \$2,000. **Contact Richard at 513-967-7550 or [rcfiddes@fuse.net](mailto:rcfiddes@fuse.net).**

**2008 Chrysler Town & Country Handicap Van (1/24)** Owned since January of 2023, Purchased with 86,049 original miles on it and only driven a very few hundred miles; the mileage is still 86,000+. Excellent running condition. Van has been detailed; looks and smells great. We bought it from a family who had just lost a member to ALS. They sold it to us at a reduced cost -- paying it forward -- and that is our intention. We have \$14,000 in it and we are asking \$14,000. We are not trying to make a profit, and neither did the two previous ALS families. **Please contact Russell by phone at 513-518-7537 OR email [rdahlem40@yahoo.com](mailto:rdahlem40@yahoo.com)**

**Permobil Corpus F3 Electric Chair (1/24)** original list price was \$73,000. Never used, Chair does everything; loaded w/many features. Purchased from another family who had ALS for \$1000. Asking price is \$1,000 for anyone who has ALS. **Please Contact: Dennis for more detailed information at 419-234-2342**

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# FOR SALE

**2009 Ford Econoline full-sized van (1/24)** - Mileage is 88,500, Black & tan exterior; tan interior, Hydraulic Braunability fully automated lift; works great. We purchased this certified van from MobilityWork in February of this year for \$34,990 and only put 1200 miles on it. Works and runs great. Has full set of tie downs for a wheelchair. Asking \$27,000 or best offer – located in Lebanon, Ohio. If interested, please **Contact Kathy at 513.850.9464 or [kathy.edwards08@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.edwards08@gmail.com)**

**2017 Toyota Sienna SE VMI Northstar handicapped Accessible Van (12/23)** Wheelchair accessible conversion van for ingress/egress- includes: side entry in-floor power ramp, rear passenger kneeling system, remote access to operate power sliding door/ramp/kneeling functions, interior access switches, 4-point wheelchair tie down system, EZ Lock BL-6290 Docking System. Front passenger seat included. Single owner, non-smoking, Silver exterior, leather interior, heated front seats, touch display, Bluetooth, GPS navigation, moonroof, back up camera, very clean/good condition. Selling for \$55,000 OBO  
**Contact Laura Trapp at [letrapp27@gmail.com](mailto:letrapp27@gmail.com) or 513-314-6126**

**2019 Permobil Corpus M3 Mobility Vehicle Electric Wheelchair (12/23)** Black. \$3,000 Adjustable footrest & height, elevated legrest, flip up padded armrest, attendant joystick, reclining, tilt in space, I-drive software included, hip & elbow guards included and much, much more. **Phillips Respironic Cough Assist—Never Used.** \$1,500 Comes w/power cord/facemask/tubing.  
**Please Contact Lee for more product features at 419-348-5908**

**MOLIFT Duo 2 Post Rails System & Air Bundle Kit (12/23)** used for less than 2 weeks, Asking \$3,200 located in Putnam County. If interested, please **Contact: Mary Ann at 419-234-3837**

**Hill ROM Care Assist ES Hospital Bed (12/23)** with Prius Rhythm multi- alternating, low air loss, pressure relief system with lateral rotation-\$2,500 **Adjustable Hospital Table-\$50** **Combination Commode/Shower Chair-\$200** **Wheelchair Ramp & Platform**, 2- 3 ft sections, 2- 8 ft sections, 1- 5x5 platform, 1 rail and 4 risers. Ramp has been disassembled and ready to move.. \$1,800 If interested, please **Contact: Jenniffer Acton at 513-404-4123 or [jacton3695@gmail.com](mailto:jacton3695@gmail.com)** Please leave message.

**Quantum Q6 Edge powered wheelchair (12/23)** 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 rigging, base width 24". Weight capacity 300lbs. Jay Union Cushion seating. Asking \$3,000. 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](mailto:gh200001@hotmail.com)**

**Invacare Hydraulic Lift Model 9805P (12/23)** 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](mailto:tara15935@gmail.com)**

# Caregiver & Survivor Groups

<p><b>CINCINNATI CAREGIVER GROUP</b> (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><b>CENTRAL OHIO CAREGIVER GROUP</b> (current caregivers only)</p>	<p>Monday December 18, 2023 1:00—2:30 pm</p>	<p>Open Discussion  Follow-up on Strategies to Prevent Burnout</p>	<p>Carleen Hubbell, BS, MA</p>	<p><i>Attend Virtually or In-Person</i> Dempsey Family Education &amp; Resource Center, Riverside Hospital 3535 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus 43214 <a href="https://ohiohealth.webex.com/join/dempseycenter">https://ohiohealth.webex.com/join/dempseycenter</a> Meeting Access Code 736 294 987 Or WebEx call-in dial: # 650-479-3208 Meeting Access Code: 736294987</p>
<p><b>CENTRAL OHIO SURVIVOR GROUP</b></p>	<p>No Group This Month</p>	<p>A social lunch to enjoy the company of those who have experienced a loss to ALS  (Lunch is on your own)</p>	<p>RSVP necessary by Friday, May 12th to Carleen Hubbell <a href="mailto:chubbell@alsohio.org">chubbell@alsohio.org</a></p>	<p><b>TEMPORARY New Venue</b>  Sunny Street Café 4733 Reed Road Columbus, OH 43220</p>
<p><b>CINCINNATI AREA SURVIVOR GROUP</b></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><b>GREATER DAYTON IN-PERSON SURVIVORS GROUP</b></p>	<p>No Group This Month</p>	<p>Our Survivors Group is a social dinner to enjoy the company of friends who have experi- enced loss to ALS- to stay connected with peers &amp; our Chapter.  <i>Dinner on Your Own</i></p>	<p>Facilitators  Melinda McGuire Mary Helme Claire Robbins Bob Westendorf</p>	<p>Rusty Bucket Restaurant &amp; Tavern 2812 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd Dayton, OH 45459  We will meet in Private Room Ask for ALS Association when you arrive  **Must RSVP to your area Dayton Care Coordinator**</p>

# ALS United Central & Southern Ohio Chapter-Wide Education and Exchange Groups

DATE	TOPIC	LOG-IN/CALL-IN INFORMATION
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> <b>December 11, 2023</b> <b>6:00 pm—8:00 pm</b> <b>Facilitator:</b> <b>Yvonne Dressman</b></p>	<p><b>CINCINNATI REGIONAL AREA</b></p> <p><b>“Holiday Party”</b></p> <p><b>Let’s share some holiday cheer!</b></p> <p>Dinner and refreshments provided. You are welcome to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Please bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift per person for the “Gift Stealing” game</p>	<p><b>In-Person Support Group</b> <b>The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</b> <b>7701 Kenwood Rd</b> <b>Cincinnati, OH 45236</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> <b>December 4, 2023</b> <b>6:30 pm –8:30 pm</b> <b>Facilitator:</b> <b>Carleen Hubbell</b></p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS REGIONAL AREA</b></p> <p><b>“Holiday Party”</b></p> <p>RSVP Requested by Tuesday, November 28 <a href="mailto:chubbell@alsohio.org">chubbell@alsohio.org</a> or 614-273-2572</p> <p>Light Meal provided. Families are welcome to bring a treat to share</p>	<p><b>In-Person Meeting</b> <b>McConnell Heart Health Center</b> <b>3773 Olentangy River Road</b> <b>Columbus, OH 43214</b></p> <p>Classroom 1—Main Floor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> <b>December 18, 2023</b> <b>6:30pm—8:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> <b>Melinda McGuire</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3rd Monday</b> <b>of each month</b></p>	<p><b>GREATER DAYTON/MIAMI VALLEY REGION</b></p> <p><b>“Holiday Party”</b></p> <p>Please RSVP Melinda at <a href="mailto:mmguire@alsohio.org">mmguire@alsohio.org</a> by Monday, December 11.</p> <p>Light appetizer and dessert will be served. Please bring a small inexpensive wrapped gift (one per person) for a game.</p>	<p><b>In-Person Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Austin Trace Health and Rehab</b> <b>250 W Social Row Road</b> <b>Washington Township, OH 45458</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> <b>January 22, 2024</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6: 00 pm–8:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>CHAPTERWIDE VIRTUAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>T B D</b></p>	<p><b>Virtual Only</b></p> <p><b>Join Zoom Meeting</b></p> <p><a href="https://zoom.us/j/93106654847">https://zoom.us/j/93106654847</a> <b>Meeting ID: 931 0665 4847</b></p> <p><b>OR CALL IN . .</b></p> <p><b>*+1 309 205 3325 US</b> <b>*+1 312 625 6799 US (Chicago)</b></p>

## Incident 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](http://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.

# 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 <https://alsohio.org/navigating-als/resources>.

## 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](http://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 Chapter website, <https://alsohio.org/navigating-als/resources-for-military-veterans>.

## 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 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 six. 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. Learn more at <https://alsohio.org/resources-for-children-and-teens>.

## 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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