

Your ALS Connection



Same Mission. Same People. New Name!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit <https://alsohio.org/get-involved/events/> for more information or to register.

FARM TO TABLE(aux)

Friday, May 10
5:30 PM

Columbus Clippers LOU GEHRIG DAY BASEBALL GAME

Friday, May 31
7:05 pm

Cincinnati Reds LOU GEHRIG DAY BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, June 9
1:40 pm

Dayton Dragons LOU GEHRIG DAY BASEBALL GAME

Friday, June 14
7:05 pm

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ALS United Ohio Directs First Research Gift to OSU

\$150,000 WILL FUND A POST-DOCTORAL AND POST-GRADUATE FELLOW IN ALS RESEARCH



MARLIN K. SEYMOUR
President & CEO

I'm thrilled to announce that in January 2024, ALS United Ohio awarded its first grant for ALS research. We awarded this grant to The Ohio State University College of Medicine to fund the salaries and benefits for a post-doctoral fellow, a post-graduate fellow, plus supplies, for a one-year period. They will each have a project in ALS research studying the disease process.

The post-doctoral fellow position has been filled by Dr. Megan Baird, PhD, who earned her doctoral degree at Nationwide Children's Hospital's Center for Gene Therapy. Dr. Baird will be working to understand gene expression changes in motor neurons that occur before they get sick and die in a large animal model of motor neuron disease.

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Dayton Support Group Tours Research Lab



MELINDA MCGUIRE, MSW, LISW-S
Care Services Coordinator

Members of the Dayton-area support groups got a special treat last month when they were invited to tour the research labs of Dr. Sherif Elbasiouny, PhD at Wright State University. The evening began in the auditorium for a presentation on Wright State's latest clinical trial for ALS (see sidebar "Ways to Participate in ALS Research" for details) led by Dr. Mohamed Mousa, PhD and Morgan Highlander. The group then toured the lab where the clinical study will take place, finishing the evening in the main research lab learning about the daily work and direction of researchers to learn more about ALS and find a cure.



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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>.

Research Gift Directed to OSU

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The post-graduate fellow will be working toward their PhD doing an ALS research project yet to be determined.

Leading this research is principal investigator Stephen J. Kolb, MD, PhD., Director of the ALS/MND Multidisciplinary Clinic and Translational Research Program at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He also serves as a professor in the Departments of Neurology and Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry.

As Dr. Kolb explains, receiving this funding for the salaries and benefits of two new team members means that OSU can better position itself to seek competitive grants from large funders like the National Institutes of Health.

“This funding from ALS United Ohio allows us to recruit the most talented young researchers to engage in ALS research, enabling science that wouldn’t have happened otherwise,” says Dr. Kolb. “That’s because it gives students the confidence that their positions in the laboratory will be securely funded.”

We were drawn to Dr. Kolb and The Ohio State University for our inaugural research gift because of their decades-long history producing innovative ALS research from a variety of prominent funding sources, and also for their collaborative approach. As its researchers develop new model systems, they will be made available immediately to scientists across the country and around the world to build on in their own research. We look forward to growing our ability to fund pioneering ALS research projects at more institutions in years to come.

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Ways to Participate in ALS Research

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. Our staff, patients and caregivers joined others from across the country in lobbying federal legislators to create this important first-of-its-kind program in 2008. 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

CLINICAL STUDY – DEVELOP NEW DIAGNOSTIC BIOMARKER FOR ALS

The Neuro-Engineering, Rehabilitation, & Degeneration Lab at Wright State University (Dayton) invites you to participate in a two-visit research study. The goal is to develop a new diagnostic biomarker for ALS. Participants will perform arm and leg muscle contractions while muscle activity is measured with non-invasive EMG sensors on the skin. There will be two sessions of approximately two hours each. Adults aged 40-80, both with and without an ALS diagnosis, are encouraged to apply. Participants will be compensated \$75 per visit. To sign up or learn more, contact Mohamed Mousa at Mohamed.mousa@wright.edu, Morgan Highlander at highlander.3@wright.edu, or call the Lab number at 937.775.2493.

A Call for Auction Items

YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR GALA A ROUSING SUCCESS!



AMY E. HALL
Event Fundraising & Engagement Manger

We're excited for our upcoming new gala – Farm to Table(aux), being held Friday, May 10 at The Exchange at Bridge Park in Dublin! Our theme DaVinci's Arty Night will bring a feast for the senses and raise money to bring free services to people living with ALS.

We are looking for donations of items to our three auctions! If you'd like to help, here is what we're looking for:

- **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**
(retail value \$100+) –
Examples include new gift baskets, event or concert tickets, hotel stays, jewelry – almost anything you can think of.
- **LIVE AUCTION ITEMS**
(retail value \$500+) –
Vacation home stays, rare wine, experiences, and more.
- **FINE ART AUCTION ITEMS**
(retail value \$100+) –
Any medium is welcome: paint, sculpture, pottery, glass, metal, wood, mixed media, photography, collage.

In addition to auction items, there are still opportunities for businesses and individuals to sponsor this event. Sponsors receive recognition before, during, and after the event, and there are a variety of ways for those interested to participate as cash or in-kind sponsors.

We are honored to have your support! Your gift will be tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Please note that Ohio has strict regulations on liquor, so call us if that's what you plan on donating, and we'll make sure it meets state laws.

If you would like to donate an item, become an event sponsor, or have questions, call or email Amy Hall at ahall@alsohio.org or 614.273.2572 x101.

Interested in participating as a guest at this event? Visit <https://farmtotableaux.com/event/columbusoh/> to purchase tickets now!

The graphic features a dark teal background with the text 'Farm to Table(aux) BENEFITING ALS UNITED OHIO' at the top. Below this, the words 'DA VINCI' are written in large, stylized letters where the 'D' and 'A' contain images of the Mona Lisa. Underneath, 'Arty Night' is written in a gold cursive font, followed by 'MAY 10, 2024' in white. At the bottom, the ALS United Ohio logo is on the left and 'Presented by CAMERON MITCHELL RESTAURANTS' is on the right.

CLINICAL TRIAL RESULTS:

AMYLYX PHARMACEUTICALS ANNOUNCES RESULTS FROM GLOBAL PHASE 3 TRIAL OF RELYVRIO FOR ALS



We are sad to share that the results from Amylyx Pharmaceutical's top line data of their phase 3 clinical trial indicates that treatment with Relyvrio showed no better results than treatment with a placebo. The company will be sharing plans about the treatment in the next eight weeks and may withdraw the drug from the market.

To the many people with ALS who have tried Relyvrio: the ALS United Ohio community shares your deep disappointment. We had all hoped for a positive result from the trial. There are two other FDA approved therapies for ALS available to all people living with ALS – Rilizole

and Radicava. Speak with your ALS clinic team for information and guidance.

In the meantime, this inspires us to forge ahead and continue funding ALS research to bring new treatments through the clinical trial and FDA approval process. While today's news is a setback, there are many therapies in study, and we remain hopeful for the future.

To learn more about the results of the phase 3 clinical trials, please read Amylyx's release here: <https://www.amylyx.com/news/amylyx-pharmaceuticals-announces-topline-results-from-global-phase-3-phoenix-trial-of-amx0035-in-als>

2024 Quality of Life Reimbursement Grants Now Open

**PLEASE
APPLY
EARLY!**



CARLEEN HUBBELL
Care Services Coordinator

People with ALS who are registered with us may qualify for an annual Quality of Life Reimbursement Grant, which provides up to \$1,200 per year to reimburse disease-related expenses. Funding is limited each year, please apply early. Eligibility

guidelines and reimbursement forms are available on our website at <https://alsohio.org/patient-grants>. If you would prefer grant materials mailed to you, please contact me, Carleen Hubbell, at 614.273.2572 x110 or at chubbell@alsohio.org.

ADVOCACY



OHIO STATEHOUSE, M.J, WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

State Advocacy Success



MARLIN K. SEYMOUR
President & CEO

ALS United Ohio has been awarded **\$539,253** from Ohio's bi-annual state operating budget for 2024/2025. This amount is our share of a \$1 Million earmark for ALS services in the state, calculated on our original 55-county territory and ALS prevalence numbers. ALS United Ohio is working with the Ohio Department of Health to receive these funds in the coming weeks.

This follows last year's \$500,000 grant from Ohio's American Rescue Plan Act funding which we received in April 2023. This funding was a shot-in-the-arm to fill the financial gap from reduced fundraising during the pandemic. We've already spent nearly three-quarters of this grant on direct services for people living with ALS.

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We have been actively lobbying our state legislature for more than two years, and we'll continue our best efforts to remain included in future state operating budgets. We thank the many people with ALS and their families who shared their stories with legislators through written testimonials, videos, virtual calls, and in-person

testimony. We look forward to serving as many people as possible and continuing to meet the needs of the local ALS community. **You made this funding happen!**

ADVOCACY

Fighting for Lower Drug Prices on Three Fronts



MELISSA DARDINGER, MS
Director of Philanthropy

ALS United Ohio continues to carry your voice directly to legislators to advocate for public policies that will ease the burdens of people and families living with ALS. Recently, we have been fighting for lower drug prices against three programs that have diverted savings meant to benefit consumers.

PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS (PBMS)

Last year, we joined numerous prominent health care organizations in signing a federal letter of support addressed to Senators Brown and Vance. This letter asked them to co-sponsor a bill that would eliminate the ability of PBMs to favor higher-priced drugs and take advantage of benefits intended to be passed on to consumers at the pharmacy counter. These PBMs have been found to pocket as much as half of a prescription's cost, even though they have no role in the drug's research, development, or production. Today, numerous federal bills – and a pending bill in Ohio – are working to hold PBMs accountable and pass along savings intended for consumers.

COPAY ACCUMULATORS

Success, but more work is needed! In September 2023, a federal court ruled against the use of copay accumulators. The issue: when a health plan used accumulator programs, it did not count a manufacturer's support (for example, copay assistance that a patient presents at a pharmacy to cover the cost of the copay) towards a patient's annual deductible or out-of-pocket maximum. Accumulators diverted funds intended for patients to



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insurance companies, leaving patients to cover the costs all over again. This court decision applies to all private commercial health insurance plans, including employer-sponsored health plans. Medicare and Medicaid patients are not permitted to use copay assistance under the Anti-Kickback Statute. Therefore, this decision does not impact Medicare or Medicaid patients. Because the Department of Health and Human Services could permit copay accumulators in future rules, work continues at the state and federal level to ban the policies.

340B DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM

We are joining other organizations to urge federal lawmakers to restore the 340B drug discount program to its original purpose: ensuring that safety-net hospitals and community health centers can provide discounted prescription medicines to people with lower incomes or no insurance. In recent years, the 340B program has been exploited and savings are not benefiting patients.



Grismelia Alcala	1/19/24	William "Ray" Horne	12/18/23
Carol Benroth	1/23/24	James Kelly	2/20/24
Tony Brintlinger	2/8/24	Stephen Landfried	1/11/24
Terri Burch	1/16/24	Helen Locke	1/23/24
Lois Burger	1/6/24	Franklin Lockhart	1/6/24
Todd Burns	2/3/24	Margaret Moore	2/26/24
Lori Conger	2/21/24	Edward Nerswick	1/26/24
James Cox III	1/13/24	Stanley Roan	1/2/24
Kathy Epcke	2/11/24	Ellen Steiner	1/15/24
Donald Faulder	2/9/24	Thomas Williams	1/20/24
Donald Foster	10/22/23	Adam Wilson	1/7/24
Peggy Fritzsche	1/9/24	Pamela Wright	12/26/23
William Hewitt	12/28/23	David Yelton	12/18/23
Marlene Hicks	12/31/23		

ALS Multidisciplinary Clinic Affiliations

ALS Multidisciplinary Clinics provide evidence-based, multidisciplinary ALS care and services in a supportive atmosphere with an emphasis on hope and quality of life. The multidisciplinary care model brings together a team of health care professionals specially trained to address the needs of people living with ALS, allowing them to receive care from each discipline during a single visit. ALS United Ohio nurses and social workers are part of the multidisciplinary team at each of our affiliated clinics:



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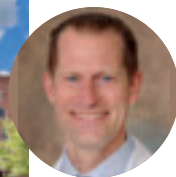
Medical Director - John C. Novak, M.D.

Westerville Medical Campus

300 Polaris Parkway, Suite 2350, Westerville, Ohio 43082

Phone: 614.788.2445

ALS@ohiohealth.com



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI ALS CLINICS

Medical Director - Robert Neel, M.D.

Daniel Drake Center for Post-Acute Care

151 West Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216

Phone: 513.475.8730

Gardner Neuroscience Institute

3113 Belleview Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Phone: 866.941.8264

FOR SALE



SAGE BRAND, MSW, MA
Program Services Coordinator

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE CONTACT SELLERS FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCT DETAILS.

2019 Chrysler Pacifica Braunability Van. Power system. Price is negotiable. Mileage is 13,052. If interested, please contact Hildaliz Bridges at 513-850-4225 or email hildalizcolon@icloud.com.

Invacare Carroll CS7 Hi-Low Hospital Bed. 36" width with side rails, asking \$1500 or best offer. **Prius Rythm Multi Mattress.** 36" width, asking \$1500 or best offer. Located in Loveland. Please contact Sean Waugh at 765-490-4578 for inquiries.

2009 Gold Toyota Sienna XLE Braun Rampvan. Has 144,310 miles, can accommodate a power wheelchair. Can also seat 4 additional passengers plus driver. 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". The aluminum platform is 48" x 60" with 35" railings. 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. Like new. \$2,000. Contact Richard at 513-967-7550 or rcfiddes@fuse.net.

Permobil Corpus F3 Electric Chair. 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.

2009 Ford Econoline full-sized. Mileage is 88,500. We purchased this certified van from MobilityWorks in February of this year and only put 1,200 miles on it. Asking \$27,000 or best offer – located in Lebanon, Ohio. If interested, please contact Kathy at 513.850.9464 or kathy.edwards08@gmail.com.

2017 Toyota Sienna SE VMI Northstar Handicapped Accessible Van. Wheelchair accessible conversion van, front passenger seat included. Single owner, non-smoking, selling for \$55,000 OBO. Contact Laura Trapp at letrapp27@gmail.com or 513-314-6126

2019 Permobil Corpus M3 Mobility Vehicle Electric

Wheelchair. Black. **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. Used for less than 2 weeks, asking \$3,200. Located in Putnam County. If interested, please contact Mary Ann at 419-234-3837.

Wheelchair Ramp & Platform. Two 3-foot sections, two 8-foot sections, one 5x5 platform, one rail and four 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. Please leave message.

Quantum Q6 Edge powered wheelchair. Weight capacity 300lbs. 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.

Invacare Hydraulic Lift Model 9805P. Comes with a body sling. 450 lbs. weight capacity. For all specs, please Google the make & model. Asking \$400. Retail for \$580 with sling. Basically new, only used 3 times. **Invacare Tracer Sx5 Wheelchair Recliner.** Brand new; never used. For all specs, Google the make & above description. Asking \$350. Retail online for \$492. If interested in either item, contact Tara at (740) 606-6033 or tara15935@gmail.com.

The Freedom Bed, Pro-Bed. Comes with a Roho and sheets and arm and leg bolsters. Bought in August 2023 for about \$32,000. Selling for \$15,000. **Shower Bay portable shower.** Simple hook up to any sink and faucet. Can use with ceiling lift or shower chair. \$1,500. **Sure Hands Ceiling Lift with about 75 feet of track.** Wonderful to use for toileting, transfers, and showering. Purchase in August 2023 for about \$12,000. Selling for \$5,000. Contact Brad at midwestskidude@gmail.com or (513) 218-9253.

2023 Toyota Sienna. Braun Ability package, Hybrid Electric Vehicle, dark blue metallic, like new, approx. 2,500 miles. Asking \$50,000. Contact Nicki Landfried at 330-503-9136 or email nlandfried@icloud.com, please leave a message.

You may also make your item available for free directly to other people with ALS through our pALS-to-pALS Equipment & Supply Exchange. Contact Sage at 614.273.2572 x107 or at sbrand@alsohio.org.

MORE RESOURCES

LANGUAGE FOR GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE



Memorial gifts are a thoughtful way to remember a loved one while carrying that love forward to help others who live with ALS. If you'd like to include ALS United Ohio in an obituary, please use the following language: **“Memorial donations may be made to ALS United Ohio, 1170 Old Henderson Road, Suite 221, Columbus OH 43220 or online at ALSohio.org.”**

ATTENTION VETERANS



If you are a veteran with ALS or the spouse of a deceased veteran who had ALS, please contact the ALS United Ohio 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 our website, <https://alsohio.org/navigating-als/resources-for-military-veterans>.



FOR THE KIDS AND TEENS IN YOUR LIFE

When children and teens have a loved one with ALS, it can be hard to help them understand what's going on in an age-appropriate way. Thanks to the generous support of the Spencer C. Stephens Flamingo Fund of the Marion Community Foundation, we offer free backpacks filled with informational and fun resources to help kids cope with having a parent or family member with ALS. Backpack contents are available for three age groups. If you know of children or teens who could benefit from an age-appropriate backpack (some limitations apply), please call your care services coordinator. Learn more at <https://alsohio.org/resources-for-children-and-teens>.

DEFEAT ALS OHIO SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

Show your support for ALS United Ohio with your special interest Ohio license plate! This exclusive plate costs \$35 above the regular fee; of that amount, **\$25 goes directly to support people living with ALS**. Available through your local Ohio BMV or online at oplates.com.



A Note to Donors



MARLIN K. SEYMOUR
President & CEO

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your ongoing support of ALS United Ohio and our mission to serve those living with ALS. We've learned that some well-intentioned donations may not be reaching us due to recent changes. To ensure that your generosity directly benefits our local ALS community, please use our official website at ALSOhio.org for online donations. Alternatively, donations can be mailed directly to ALS United Ohio, 1170 Old Henderson Road, Suite 221, Columbus, Ohio 43220.

Please note that we are no longer affiliated with the ALS Association. Any donations made through other channels may not reach our organization.

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Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those affected by ALS.”

We have been providing expert local care for more than 30 years – all free of charge – thanks to you, and thousands of others who understand what's at stake. People and families living with the devastation of ALS continue to count on us for personal services and attention, delivered with exceptional care, concern and empathy.

Your support is crucial to our continued efforts, and we sincerely appreciate your dedication to this cause. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those affected by ALS.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you are receiving our services, you should have received our Services Review in your email or mailbox. We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to let us know how we're doing so that we can improve our services and provide greater value to you.

UPCOMING DIY EVENTS

The following DIY (Do-It-Yourself) fundraisers are being held by supporters of ALS United Ohio and welcome your attendance.

WREATH RAFFLE TO DEFEAT ALS – APRIL 4, 2024

hosted by Helen Rife to benefit ALS research. <https://bit.ly/RaffleToDefeatALS>.

WIFFLE GOLF TOURNAMENT – APRIL 7, 2024

hosted by Mike Endejann to benefit Team Nancy in the Cincinnati Walk ALS. El Coyote Field, Cincinnati. 513.377.8350.

RUNNING AGAINST ALS – JUNE 9, 2024

hosted by Erica Gutierrez to benefit patient grants. Three Creeks Metro Park, 3860 Bixby Rd. <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Groveport/RunningAgainstALSforSteve>.

CAREGIVERS GROUPS (current caregivers only)

TUESDAY
MAY
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CINCINNATI CAREGIVER GROUP

Open Discussion
1:00 – 2:30 PM

Facilitator: Yvonne Dressman, LSW

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7701 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45236

MONDAY
APRIL
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CENTRAL OHIO & GREATER DAYTON MIAMI VALLEY CAREGIVER GROUP

Open Discussion
1:00 – 2:30 PM

Facilitators: Carleen Hubbell, BS, MA, Melinda McGuire, MSW, LISW-S, Charae Keys, LISW-S

The Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center
Riverside Methodist Hospital
(1st floor Silver tower across from Starbucks)
3535 Olentangy River Rd
Columbus OH 43214

Attend Virtually: <https://ohiohealth.webex.com/join/dempseycenter>
Or WebEx call-in dial: 650-479-3208 Meeting Access Code: 736 294 987

SURVIVOR GROUPS

A social meal to enjoy the company of those who have experienced a loss to ALS and stay connected with peers & our staff. *(Meal on your own)*

CINCINNATI AREA SURVIVOR GROUP

RSVP to Mary Naylor
at 513-891-1475
naylorfam@fuse.net

**NO GROUP
THIS MONTH**

6:30 PM
Slatts Pub
4858 Cooper Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45242
Host: Mary Naylor
*Meets for dinner on the third
Thursday of each month*

CENTRAL OHIO SURVIVOR GROUP

RSVP to Carleen Hubbell
chubbell@alsohio.org

THURSDAY
MAY
23

Noon – 1:30 PM
Sunny Street Café
4733 Reed Road
Columbus, OH 43220
Facilitator:
Carleen Hubbell
*Meets for lunch on the third
Thursday of each month*

GREATER DAYTON SURVIVORS GROUP

RSVP to Melinda McGuire
at 614-273-2572 x111

WEDNESDAY
MAY
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6:00 PM
Cherry House Cafe
1241 Meadow Bridge Drive
Beavercreek, OH 45434
*Facilitators: Melinda McGuire,
Mary Helme, Claire Robbins,
Bob Westendorf*
Meets quarterly for dinner

EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE GROUPS

MONDAY

APRIL

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CINCINNATI REGIONAL

Topic and Speaker TBD
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

7701 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45236

*Facilitators: Yvonne Dressman, LSW,
Tracy Carpenter, LSW*

MONDAY

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COLUMBUS REGIONAL**Speech and Communication and ALS**

Michelle Wilkes, MA, CCC/SLP Speech
Language Pathology with the OhioHealth
ALS Clinic

6:30 – 8:30 PM

McConnell Heart Health Center

3773 Olentangy River Road
Columbus OH 43214
Classroom 1 – Main Floor

Facilitator: Carleen Hubbell, BS, MA

MONDAY

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GREATER DAYTON/ MIAMI VALLEY REGION**All Things Technology**

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Neuro Rehab & Balance Center

7677 Yankee Street Suite 210
Centerville, OH 45429

*Facilitators: Melinda McGuire, MSW,
LISW-S, Julia Prince, LISW-S, Bob
Westendorf, RT*

MONDAY

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GREATER DAYTON/ MIAMI VALLEY REGION**Movie Night**

Movie to be announced closer to the event

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Austin Trace

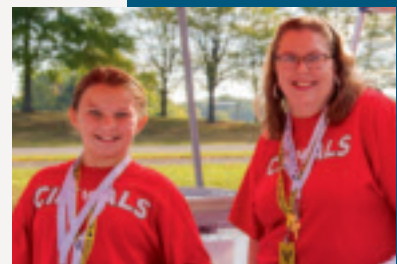
250 W Social Row Road
Washington Township, OH 45458

*Facilitator: Melinda McGuire, MSW,
LISW-S*

BECOME AN ALS UNITED OHIO VOLUNTEER!

We're looking for people who are committed to the fight against ALS. Volunteers can help at our annual Walk ALS events, in our office, by soliciting local businesses, and more.

For more information, fill out the Volunteer Interest Form at <https://alsohio.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



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Numotion – Columbus, Dayton, Mason

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INCLUDES ADS FROM COMPANIES THAT ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SERVICES TO THE ALS COMMUNITY.

We are grateful to these friends not only for their support of ALS United Ohio, but also for the long-standing services and products that they provide to persons with ALS (pALS). We appreciate our relationship with these companies and are fortunate to have them as associates in providing quality care for pALS.

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We invite you to join us on Zoom for **ASK ME: Home Accessibility and Modification** on **Thursday, April 23 at 8:00 pm**. We will be joined by Alisa Brownlee, ATP, CLIPP, CAPS, WSP, Assistive Technology and Home Modification Specialist at ALS United Mid-Atlantic. Alisa is also the founder of ALS AT Home, offering virtual home assessments for modifications and safety to those diagnosed with ALS and other progressive diseases.

This session is provided by our sister organizations ALS Network (serving California and Hawaii) and ALS United Mid-Atlantic (serving greater Philadelphia).