I AM ALS

Get In. We're Ending ALS

"You will stumble. You will fall short. You will disappoint those you love. You will question yourself. You're only human, after all. But never stop fighting to improve on yesterday and for a better tomorrow." - Brian Wallach, I AM ALS Co-Founder

What We're Up To:

We started a friendly competition between key states to see who could send the most letters to their senators about ACT for ALS. So far Florida is in the lead over Texas, and North Carolina has pulled far ahead of Louisiana. Not sure where your Senators stand on ACT for ALS? Check our legislation tracker here.

How are we doing?

Are you liking this newsletter? We want to hear from you. Please take a moment to fill out this 2 minute poll.

LET US KNOW

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Clinical Trials Team

This team rates ALS-related clinical trials based on their humaneness and accessibility -- so much so that they created the Patient-Centric Trial Design (PaCTD) rating system. Check out their amazing work here.

Community Outreach Team

This team's goal is to educate the entire country about ALS, one panel, social post or event at a time. Join this amazing team here.

Familial ALS Team
This team started a separate Social Hour for their European counterparts (so no one had to stay up too terribly late). Join the European Familial ALS Social Hour **here**.

Legislative Affairs Team
Thank you to Rep. Mike Quigley for addressing the House of Representatives this week and stating how important it is to pass ACT for ALS now. Watch his address **here**. To find out how you can help get this bill passed, click **here**.

Thank You Squad
This team has already written over 800 thank you notes for the 2,000+ donors to the Brian Wallach Birthday fundraiser! Help them out and cheer them on by joining them **here**.

Veterans Affairs Team
This team is gearing up for another great social media campaign, this one just in time for Veterans Day. Keep an eye on @iamalsorg in November for that content, and join the team **here**.

In Memoriam: Michael Falk

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Falk, an incredible individual and powerful ALS advocate. He was the beloved husband of Suzanne, loving father of Collin and devoted son of Jerome and the late Karen Falk. He was 54. Read his story **here** and his obituary **here**.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

11th Annual Les Turner Symposium on ALS

This one day event will take place virtually on Monday, November 1, 2021, between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT. This event is sponsored by the Les Turner ALS Center at Northwestern Medicine. Professionals, and patients and families affected by ALS are welcome. Due to COVID-19, this year's Symposium will be held entirely as a Zoom Webinar.
Register

Rock, Roll and Stroll 5K and Walk

This Día de los Muertos-themed run/walk has its third annual event on October 30, 2021 in San Mateo, California. All funds raised will benefit ALSTDI (the ALS Therapy Development Institute).
Register

Holiday Support Groups

The holiday season can bring up complicated emotions. You may be feeling sad or alone, compounded by the fact that the world around you is insisting that you be happy and joyful. If you are struggling this holiday season, please consider joining us for a support group. Whether you are living with ALS, are a caregiver, a family member, or someone grieving, we will do our best to connect you with others going through similar experiences and support you in this experience.
Register

SEE ALL EVENTS

I AM ALS is a patient-led community that provides critical support and resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones. It empowers advocates to raise awareness and lead the revolution against ALS in driving the development of cures. Learn more at iamals.org.

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