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Stories of People Helped

We have provided \$200,000 in financial assistance to ALS patients. Here is a brief example:

Sara: An ALS patient in her 40's, Sara, was no longer able to get into the bath tub. The ALS Foundation for Life provided the funds to have her fiberglass tub cut and a sliding door installed. This adaptation allows Sara to continue to bathe in her bath tub.

John: A single male patient, John, moved into a one-level condo so he could get around his home in his wheelchair. However, he was not able to leave the condo because there were stairs at both the front and back of the building. The ALS Foundation for Life provided the funds to have a ramp installed so John could go out instead of being confined to his condo.

Ellen: An ALS patient in western MA, Ellen, required a Hoyer Lift and commode sling so that her caretaker could move her safely. The ALS Foundation for Life provided a grant to cover the cost of a Hoyer Lift and commode sling for Ellen.

Frankie's Story

Frank Carlson, founder of ALS Foundation for Life, was a native of Natick, Massachusetts. At the age of 27 he was diagnosed with ALS, and he dedicated most of the next two years creating an organization that would provide other ALS patients with assistance to live with as much independence and dignity possible.



Frankie was diagnosed with ALS in 2001. His disease progressed quickly, and by the summer of 2002 he was confined to a wheelchair and had very limited use of his hands and arms. He was learning too quickly how this disease strips a person of their independence as well as dignity. As Frankie's physical strength deteriorated, his mental toughness and motivation remained intact. Frankie never gave up hope and was determined to live! He spent a great deal of his time on the computer researching ALS and reaching out to other ALS patients. As Frankie fought his individual battle with ALS, he realized that there were others out there that were not as fortunate as he. Medical equipment, assistive living devices, and necessary home modifications are most often not covered by insurance. These expenses are overwhelming and often drain a family's finances. In an attempt to help other ALS patients maintain quality of life while battling the disease, Frankie started the ALS Foundation for Life.

Frankie lost his personal physical battle with ALS in July 2004. His mission, however, remains alive today through the volunteer-based organization that he dedicated himself to creating.

About ALS

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive, fatal neuromuscular disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Voluntary muscle action is progressively affected and patients in the later stages become totally paralyzed. While a patient gradually loses the ability to move, walk, speak, swallow and breathe, the mind and sense of the patient remain unaffected and intact.



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Who Gets ALS

- 90% of ALS cases are sporadic. It may affect anyone and anywhere at any time.
- 60% of people with ALS are men
- 5600 People diagnosed with ALS every year; same incidence rate of multiple sclerosis
- Life expectancy of ALS patient averages 2-5 years from diagnosis
- Approximately 30,000 Americans have the disease at any time

What is ALS Foundation for Life?

ALS Foundation for Life is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping improve the quality of life of ALS patients. The Foundation is operated solely by volunteers.



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How your Donation Helps

100% of your donations *go directly* to providing financial assistance for quality-of-life patient care expenses. We are committed to providing funding for medical equipment, home modifications, and technological devices which allow patients some independence and sense of dignity. Through our partnerships with the ALS Association/Patient Services Department and the ALS Lahey Clinic, we are able to reach out into the ALS community to offer assistance and make an impact in the lives of patients and their families.

Why ALS Foundation For Life?

- 100% of profits go to help patients
- 100% volunteer-run organization

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2010 ALS Foundation For Life Events

- 4th Annual Charity Poker Tournament
4/30/2010
- 5th Annual Bowl For Life – 11/13/2010

More Information

For more information on our organization, to host a 3rd party fundraising event, or to volunteer or make a donation:

Visit: www.alsfoundation.org

Contact: info@alsfoundation.org

ALS Foundation For Life
PO Box 96
Natick MA 01760



6th Annual Bowling Event



2011 Bowling Tournament

“Working to Provide A Better Quality of Life for The ALS Community”

Date: November 12th 2011

Time: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Lucky Strike Lanes, Boston

www.luckystrikeboston.com

Cost: \$50.00 per bowler

**Thank You for Participating in
our Bowl for Life Event**

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