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## April is National Volunteer Month

We at the chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers who so graciously delivered Thanksgiving baskets this year to our patients and their families.

Special thanks to Nil Baston; Aafia Chaudhry; Michele and Lily Christian; Elaine Considine; John Dunn; Joe Lessard; Mary Grace Marbach; Stephanie Polo.

We would also like to take this time to recognize the volunteers who have signed up or are already participating in our Home Visit Program: Carol Bishop; Mary Ellen Borg; Anne Coffey, Bev Cotrone; Jessica Costanza; Shari Harfenist; Melody Jacobs-Campbell; Greg Katz; Sarah Kelly; Cindy Levy; Frank Nelson; Thomas Ng; Adriana Ospina; Gregory Price; Dayani Ramos; Seth Urban; Jody Wiesel; Phyllis Wind; Josephine Yankau Wong; Meghan Young.

Thanks to all our volunteers who participate at our special events and have helped with administrative tasks at the chapter office. You have all brought joy and hope to the families we serve. Happy National Volunteer Month to all of you!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Children's Day Mars 2112:** Sat., April 3, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Children ages 10 to 14 (who have a family member with ALS), join us for a day of fun, art activities, lunch and a chance to "ask the expert" questions about ALS. Space limited to 12 so please RSVP as soon as possible to Liz at (212) 720-3053 or Adam at (212) 720-3045

**Webinar:** Hosted by the Northeast ALS Consortium. *Contributing to an ALS Sample Repository to Help Forward ALS Research*, Wed., April 6, 2 - 4 p.m., Go to chapter website for details.

**Advocacy Day Kick-Off**, Wed., April 13, 42 Broadway, Suite 1724 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Learn more about public policy issues and meet fellow members of the delegation. R.S.V.P. to dcochrane@als-ny.org or call 212-720-3060.

**Dance to Defeat ALS**, Sat., April 16, 7 - 11:30 p.m. Let's Dance in Rockaway, 100 Hibernia Ave., Rockaway, NJ \$20 at the door for a night of dancing, appetizers, snacks and desserts! For info email Brett Murphy at thomasjmurphyfoundation@gmail.com.

### **Bike 4 A Cure! May 1, 2011, New York City**

Our Chapter is participating in the 2011 TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour! If you would like to ride with the ALS Team, please contact Kristen Cocoman at 212-720-3048 or cocoman@als-ny.org to inquire about our 10 guaranteed entries.

**Seeking Volunteers For In-Home Visit Program:** With the launching of our new "In-Home Visit Program" we need volunteers to help our patients and their families. Some PALS may need help with daily tasks; families and caregivers of our PALS may need help as well to lighten their work load a bit. There are so many ways to help - from watching a video together or reading, or even helping with some household chores.

If you are looking for a way to get involved please call Kayvan Freeman at 212-720-3055 or email: freeman@als-ny.org for New York, or Debbie Schlossberg at 732-710-8832 or email: schlossberg@als-ny.org for New Jersey.

**Remember to Register With the First Ever National ALS Registry:** The federal government has taken a major step in the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease as the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announced the full implementation of the National ALS Registry. People living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) may self enroll in the Registry via a secure online web portal at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/als. For more information about the registry go to: www.als-ny.org or call the Chapter office at 212 - 619-1400.