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## Children's Day Event is an Out of This World Experience



On Saturday, April 2nd, the ALS Association Greater New York Chapter hosted an event specifically for children who have a parent or other close relative living with ALS. The event was held in a private room at Mars 2112, a restaurant in midtown Manhattan with an outer space theme. Six children attended, all between the ages of 10 and 13.

The day began with everyone getting to know one

another, followed by lunch and scrumptious ice cream sundaes. The kids worked on an art project and decorated a time-capsule/ memory box which they can continue to work on at home with their parent or relative who is living with ALS, keeping in it items that mean a lot to both of them. Each child received a backpack filled with art supplies and goodies. A real highlight was heading to the restaurant's arcade for more fun and games.

Social Work Interns Liz Schachter and Adam Germinsky planned the event, with support from Chapter Patient Services Director, Adele Marano, Patient Services Coordinator Sue Zimmerman and Nurse Coordinator Theresa Imperato.

A very special thank you to Greater New York Chapter Board Member Marilyn Safenowitz for her generous contribution toward this event and to Mary Hanlon of Mars 2112 for providing the perfect venue for our day.

We look forward to offering other events to help children cope with the emotional impact of ALS. If you have any questions or would like to be notified of future events, please contact Sue Zimmerman, LCSW at (212) 720-3050.

**Remember to contribute:** Your donation to The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter will support research, advocacy and patient services. To make a gift, please contact Janet Diminich at (212) 720-3060. Email: [jdiminich@als-ny.org](mailto:jdiminich@als-ny.org). Mail: The ALS Association, 42 Broadway, Suite 1724, New York, NY 10004. Online: [www.als-ny.org](http://www.als-ny.org)

**Remember to Register:** People living with ALS may self-enroll in the National ALS Registry via a secure online web portal at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [www.cdc.gov/als](http://www.cdc.gov/als). For more info about the registry go to: [www.als-ny.org](http://www.als-ny.org) or call the Chapter office at 212 - 619-1400.