



The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

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Monthly Update

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the Lower Hudson Valley and Northern and Central New Jersey

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September Support Groups

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

September 6, 2011 - 6 PM to 8 PM
Stony Brook University, Dept. of Neurology
179 North Belle Meade Rd, E. Setauket
Topic: Open Discussion
Contact: Theresa Imperato, RN, (516) 946-5467

NASSAU COUNTY, NY

Cancelled for September
Will meet again in October

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

September 17, 2011 - 1 PM to 3 PM
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Medical Education Building, Rm 108A
180 Somerset Street, Follow signs to meeting
Topic: Adaptive Clothing
Speaker: Jordan Silver from AG Apparel
Contact: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW or
Mary Ann Mertz, RN, (732) 710-8832

MANHATTAN, NY

September 20, 2011 - 6 PM to 8 PM
Phillips Ambulatory Care Center (Beth Israel)
10 Union Square East (Bet. 14th & 15th streets)
2nd Floor- Conference Room #1
Topic: Open Discussion
Contact: Jody Wiesel, PhD, (917) 699-9751

Telephone Support Groups:

Please Note: Telephone Support Groups for Patients; Caregivers & adult children of PALS will continue intermittently over the summer. Weekly sessions will resume shortly. For a complete schedule please call Sue Zimmerman, Social Worker at (212) 720-3050.

For more information about our Support Groups go to the Chapter website: www.als-ny.org, Patient Services section or call (212) 619-1400.

2011 Walk to Defeat ALS

Please register for a Walk near you.



Long Island, Eisenhower Park
Sunday, September 25

Hudson Valley, Walkway Over the Hudson
Sunday, October 16

Sign up today at www.alswalks.org

Seeking Volunteers For 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 Christine Dunn at (212) 720-3044 or email: dunn@als-ny.org for New York, or Debbie Schlossberg at (732) 710-8832 or email: schlossberg@als-ny.org for New Jersey.

Important: Remember To Register With The First Ever 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



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September 25th is The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter's Walk to Defeat ALS at Eisenhower Park. Patients and their families and friends are looking forward to it! Here is what some of them had to say:

My husband Daryl has been a baseball fan his whole life. We have enjoyed the history of the baseball greats and have seen Lou Gehrig's speech more times than I can count. You can imagine the shock of receiving a diagnosis of ALS. We have led a blessed life and are so lucky to have the support at The ALS Association Clinic at Stony Brook that Lou could not have imagined.

Through all the phases of this disease the team at the clinic have armed us with the tools to continue to lead a quality life. We know there is a long way to go in the fight to beat this disease. We find comfort in knowing that The ALS Association clinic will always be there for us and all the men and women fighting this disease so gallantly.

- Cathy & Daryl Thrasher, THRASHERS DASHERS

I enjoy going on vacation with my wife and family. Because of The ALS Association's equipment loan program, I was able to travel and know when I arrived at my destination there would be equipment waiting for me.

It's so important to share information with other patients and their families. I particularly like the support I find at the group meeting each month. Let's keep these programs going by joining the Walk to Defeat ALS.

- Andre & Antoinette Williams, TEAM ANDRE

We both belong to The ALS Association and are active in their support groups. Now we are making a major effort to spread awareness and raise money to help stamp out this dreaded disease by participating in the Long Island Walk to Defeat ALS!

In addition to raising money for research, funds also go to The ALS Association to ease the lives and care of those stricken. We have benefitted immeasurably from The ALS Association by its loan closet and support groups. I encourage you to get your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers involved!

- Joan & John Power, TEAM POWER

Sadly, I lost my sister-in-law Pat, to ALS 8 years ago. Never in a million years did I imagine I would someday have the same thing. It is in memory of her; and because of all the other ALS patients I have met, The ALS Association support team, and for all the people who might come after us that I have decided to Walk to Defeat ALS.

We need to hope that someday the diagnosis of ALS will mean treatment, if not a cure. Hope that a young mother or father will live to see their children grow up. Hope that someday ALS patients will have a chance.

- Carolann & Charlie Buscarino, TEAM BUSCARINO

To join The ALS Association's Long Island Walk to Defeat ALS go to the website at: www.alswalks.org.