Every year, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) partners with NALC branches all across this great land of ours to organize fundraisers. Proceeds from these entertaining events go to help families coping with MD and other neuromuscular disorders.

In addition to “Delivering the Cure,” our mission is to be a source of comfort and hope to patients and caregivers.

Every day, people go to amazing lengths to advance this cause, including dedicated medical specialists involved in patient care and treatment.

MDA provides a comprehensive program of services, including clinics at University Hospital and Children’s Hospital, a summer camp for children ages 6-17, a “loan closet” with durable medical equipment, and nearly $1 million in local funding for neuromuscular disease research.

But how does this all come about? It comes from the money raised by people like you, my brothers and sisters. That money is used to give strength. The chart below shows how little is needed to make a difference.

As we look to this new year, please join me to remember those who are less fortunate. Remember that a gift of any size can help transform lives through better care and more chances at a cure.

As I often remind people: “Remember, you never know when it might be you.”

God bless you all.