

Our union strength helps support those debilitated by muscle disease



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Every year, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) partners with NALC branches all across this great land of ours to organize fund raisers. 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, in-

cluding 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.

How will you give strength?

\$50

HELP ORGANIZE MUSCLE WALKS ACROSS AMERICA



With more than 150 local events raising funds and awareness, we need help to purchase supplies and merchandise, such as t-shirts, water, signage and prizes.

\$500

HELP EXPAND MDA’S MOVR DATA HUB™



Only 25 Care Centers have been able to implement our patient-reported and genetic data registry. Help us roll out MOVR in all of our Care Centers nationwide.

\$100

HELP SUPPORT FAMILIES THROUGH OUR NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER



Help keep trained specialists on staff to respond to families within 24 hours about inquiries including the diagnostic process, available clinical trials and local referrals.

\$750

HELP ADVANCE RESEARCH AND DISCOVER NEW CURES



Invest in the top researchers and most promising science to better understand the root causes of neuromuscular disease and achieve breakthroughs.

\$250

HELP PROVIDE GENETIC COUNSELING AND DNA TESTING



Early diagnosis is critical to outcomes, and families need help to obtain genetic counseling, interpret tests and know the risks of passing on neuromuscular disease.

\$1,000

HELP SEND CHILDREN TO MDA SUMMER CAMP



Help children attend camp and cover the costs of assistive devices they’ll need for activities including swimming, zip-lining, horseback riding and dancing.