

March Branch Challenge results

The final results are in for the March Branch Challenge, the first branch challenge of 2024. NALC members from 55 branches raised more than \$85,000 in March. The top three branches will be getting special prizes and recognition from MDA. The full results are below.

Branches have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars since the branch challenges began.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association wants to extend its sincerest thanks to all NALC members for continuing to #DelivertheCure for MDA. Without you, MDA couldn't do its life-saving work like the following.

MDA's funding leads to new FDA-approved treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

The FDA has approved Duvyzat (givinostat), a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor to treat children and adolescents living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD).

Results from a Phase 3 clinical trial of Duvyzat (givinostat) recently published in *The Lancet* demonstrated a significantly smaller decline in stair climbing ability in treated patients compared to a placebo control group.

"The approval of Duvyzat (givinostat) provides another significant treatment option for people living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy," said Sharon Hesterlee, Ph.D, chief research officer, MDA.

For decades, MDA has awarded many research grants to fund investigators worldwide and their promising early-stage science.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) is a rare and progressive genetic muscle disease

caused by the lack of a critical membrane-stabilizing protein called dystrophin, which results in muscle degeneration and weakness. DMD symptom onset is in early childhood, usually between ages 2 and 3. The disease primarily affects boys, but in rare cases it can affect girls. In Europe and North America, the prevalence of DMD is approximately 6 per 100,000 individuals. Over time, DMD becomes fatal as muscle degeneration disrupts lung and heart function.

Since its inception, MDA has invested more than \$229 million in research for Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy.

The discovery of the dystrophin gene in the 1980s by MDA-funded research marked the beginning of our understanding of Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy.

Mail copies of any receipts or checks along with a copy of the NALC/MDA Allocation Form to Christina Vela Davidson so that your branch can be properly credited for the year. The NALC/MDA Allocation Form must be turned in the same calendar year of the event (no later than Dec. 29) to qualify for the NALC Honor Roll for that year. Please send copies by Dec. 29 or sooner to Davidson at the Region 9 NBA office: 1101 Northchase Parkway SE, Suite 3, Marietta, GA 30067.

—Christina Vela Davidson



March Branch Challenge full results:

1 Br. 34, Boston, MA	\$16,577	20 Br. 377, Evansville, IN	\$1,500	39 Br. 31, Peoria, IL	\$320
2 Br. 3, Buffalo-Western NY	\$5,636.09	21 Br. 40, Cleveland, OH	\$1,361.50	40 Br. 2262, Burlington, NC	\$244
3 Br. 53, North FL	\$4,862	22 Br. 361, Central KY	\$1,118.30	41 Br. 176, Baltimore, MD	\$223.11
4 Br. 442, Spokane, WA	\$4,652	23 Br. 52, Central CA Coast	\$1,025	42 Br. 347, Salem, OR	\$202
5 Br. 459, Raleigh, NC	\$4,080	24 Br. 4112, Los Alamos, NM	\$1,000	43 Br. 825, Oak Brook, IL	\$165
6 Br. 18, Southeast MA Mgd.	\$3,896	25 Br. 148, Akron, OH	\$800	44 Br. 219, Aurora, IL	\$140
7 Br. 74, Saginaw, MI	\$3,155	26 Br. 451, Johnstown, PA	\$800	45 Br. 458, Oklahoma City, OK	\$130
8 Br. 14, Louisville, KY	\$3,126	27 Br. 828, South Central IN	\$785	46 Br. 82, Portland, OR	\$100
9 Br. 2502, Las Vegas, NV	\$2,911	28 Br. 210, Rochester, NY	\$760	47 Br. 822, Appleton, WI	\$85
10 Br. 599, Tampa, FL	\$2,704	29 Br. 1091, Central FL	\$673	48 Br. 203, Springfield, MO	\$80
11 Br. 3126, Royal Oak, MI	\$2,296	30 Br. 849, Fort Collins, CO	\$650	49 Br. 6156, Sun City, AZ	\$52.50
12 Br. 137, Hudson Valley Mgd., NY	\$2,055	31 Br. 704, Tucson, AZ	\$645	50 Br. 17, Scranton, PA	\$50
13 Br. 196, Elyria, OH	\$2,000	32 Br. 4016, South Suburban Mgd., IL	\$600	51 Aux. 138, Dayton, OH	\$50
14 Br. 84, Pittsburgh, PA	\$2,000	33 Br. 2902, Tri-Valley, CA	\$500	52 Br. 116, Summit City, IN	\$26.50
15 Committee of Presidents	\$2,000	34 Br. 450, North Sound, WA	\$500	53 Br. 3688, Willoughby, OH	\$25
16 Br. 1902, AZ Mgd.	\$1,974	35 Br. 469, Mobile, AL	\$430	54 Br. 4839, Florissant, MO	\$25
17 Nalcrest Foundation	\$1,774	36 Br. 120, Paterson, NJ	\$380	55 Br. 10, Topeka, KS	\$20
18 Br. 583, Lorain, OH	\$1,692	37 NALC Region 15	\$347		
19 Br. 4716, Naples, FL	\$1,525	38 Br. 133, Sacramento, CA	\$330		
				Grand Total	\$85,058