

## Q1 Branch Challenge results

**M**DA is thrilled to share the results of the first Branch Challenge of the year. During the Q1 Challenge (Jan. 1-March 31), 65 branches raised \$75,855.77 for MDA. You will be sending 25 kids to MDA Summer Camp this summer.



Here are the Top 10 fundraising branches for the Q1 challenge and the Top 3 overall winners:

1. NALC Branch 490, Manitowoc, WI—\$15,291
2. NALC Branch 462, Huntsville, AL—\$3,750
3. NALC Branch 504, Albuquerque, NM—\$3,083
4. NALC Branch 111, Salt Lake City, UT—\$3,014.47
5. NALC Branch 442, Spokane, WA—\$2,115
6. NALC Branch 14, Louisville, KY—\$1,404
7. NALC Branch 40, Cleveland, OH—\$1,380
8. NALC Branch 4317, Great Valley, PA—\$1,180
9. NALC Branch 984, St. Charles, MO—\$1,026
10. NALC Branch 52, Central California Coast and California State Association—\$1,000

Top 3 overall winners for Q1 will receive an MDA Swag Box as a thank-you. Be on the lookout for that package to arrive in the coming weeks. Congratulations!

This year, MDA will offer 23 in-person summer camp sessions and two virtual camp options, at no cost to families. MDA Summer Camp is a magical place where anything is possible. Every summer, youth living with neuromuscular diseases can attend weeklong sessions of overnight camp filled with accessible adventures—swimming, fishing, zip-lining, horseback riding, dancing under a disco ball, singing around a campfire, gaining valuable life skills and lifelong friendships. Your support will give kids a life-changing, confidence-building experience.

Friendly reminder—the Q2 challenge starts now! Donations received April 1-June 30 will count toward the Q2 challenge. Let's send more kids to summer camp!

Keep up the great work! Remember to send NALC a copy of the allocation forms and checks for your branch to get the proper credit.

Questions? Call us at 312-392-1100 or send an email to [nalc@mdausa.org](mailto:nalc@mdausa.org).

## When an active letter carrier dies...

- Notify the employee's immediate supervisor, postmaster and Human Resources Shared Service Center (HRSSC) at 877-477-3273. HRSSC will advise about any benefits payable, and how to apply for them. It will provide and render assistance in completing the application for death benefits under the employee's retirement system, as well as the claim for death benefits—Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FGLI) and claim for unpaid compensation.
- Notify the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) at 877-968-3778.
- Notify the letter carrier's NALC branch.
- If the employee was a veteran, notify Veterans Affairs at 800-827-1000.
- Call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.
- Notify banks and other financial institutions.
- Notify insurance companies (life, health, home, automobile, etc.). If the employee had a policy with NALC's Mutual Benefit Association (MBA), call 202-638-4318 between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EST, or write to MBA, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20001-2144.
- If the employee had health insurance through the NALC Health Benefit Plan, call 888-636-6252. If the employee had health insurance through a different Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) plan, call the number on the back of the insurance card. Health insurance coverage for a surviving spouse and dependent children continues automatically if the employee had family coverage at the time of death and if a monthly survivor annuity is payable.
- Obtain a sufficient number of death certificates for your needs from the mortuary.