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Baseball's Greatest First Baseman
Born: 1903
Diagnosed with ALS: 1939
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Annual Report

For the Period Ending
January 31, 2012

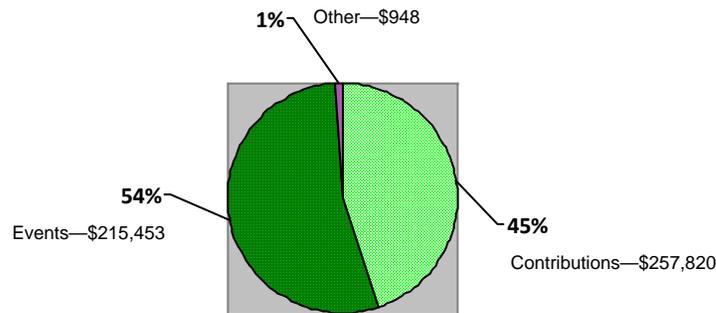
*Serving Michigan's
ALS Community for
34 Years*

1978 - 2012

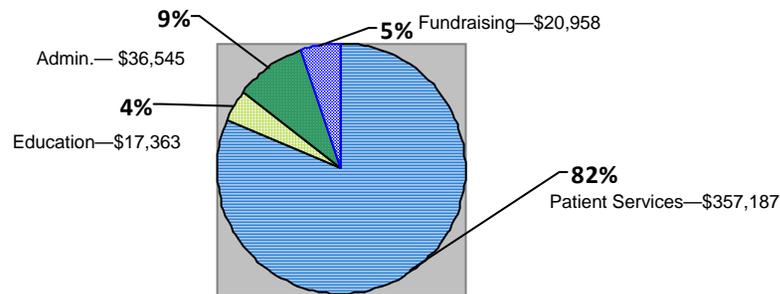
Our Accomplishments
February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012

ALS of Michigan, Inc.
Revenues and Expenses
February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012

Revenues — \$474,221



Expenses — \$414,690



These figures were taken from the organization's audited financial statements

“ALS of Michigan is dedicated to helping people with ALS (pALS), their families and caregivers to live life as fully as possible. We also support research into the cause and cure of ALS.”

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34 Years of Service to Michigan's ALS Community

pALS and Their Families

During the year we served 327 pALS (person with ALS) and their families from around Michigan. It is estimated that there are four (4) family members or health professionals for each pALS. That would approximate to 1,308 additional people served during the year.

AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) Center

One of the most difficult aspects for our pALS and their families is the loss of the ability to speak. It is important to keep our pALS connected to family, community, and their health professionals. Through the Center, pALS can be evaluated and trained on a variety of communication devices by our Speech and Language Pathologist who specializes in this type of equipment. In 2011/2012 twenty-nine received evaluations and trainings resulting in 67 visits.

Clinics — ALS of Michigan is proud to be affiliated with some of the finest multidisciplinary ALS clinics in Michigan. We provide social work professionals at both the Harry Hoenselaar ALS Clinic at Henry Ford Hospital and the ALS Center at Detroit Medical Center. We also work closely with the University of Michigan MND Clinic.

Equipment Loan Closet — Durable medical equipment ranging from wheelchairs and walkers to augmentative speech devices is available to pALS free of charge, for as long as it is required. During 2011/2012 more than 150 items were loaned to those in need. We also gave away supplies including food supplements, walkers, canes, commodes, and more to families who needed them.

Information and Referral — Information is one of the most important resources available in the fight against ALS. During 2011/2012 ALS of Michigan's staff had 3,647 documented contacts with pALS and their families.

Respite Care — Our *Respite Care Assistance Program* provides financial support to help relieve the 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week job of caring for a pALS. This support enables the caregiver to take time away for themselves so they are better equipped to care for their loved one. During 2011 we provided close to 5,000 hours of respite care to more than 60 families at a direct cost of almost \$75,000.

Support Groups — ALS of Michigan has a wide network of support groups throughout eastern Michigan which provide information and emotional support. These groups are located in Ann Arbor, Southfield, St. Clair, Sterling Heights, 74 support group sessions were held. Additionally, support groups hosted speakers on a variety of topics of interest to our ALS community.

Workshops & Seminars — During 2012 more than 250 people attended 17 workshops, seminars, and in-service trainings. They learned about a variety of topics ranging from respite care services to information important to pALS and their families to help them live with ALS to updates in current research.

ALS of Michigan as an Independent Charity — As an independent agency, we are able to:

- Keep 100% of contributions right here in Michigan
- Support Michigan's ALS community to the fullest extent possible with contributions that we receive.

We are proud of our 34 years of support to pALS and their families throughout Michigan as they live with ALS.