

**ALS OF MICHIGAN
SERVICE STATISTICS
2017**

- Professional social work staff had contact with 534 pALS and families during 2017. On average we have over 400 pALS and their families on our service. These pALS live across Michigan, in more than 50 different counties.
- More than 5,300 individual contacts and home visits were made by staff with pALS and families.
- Loaned over 220 items including: ramps; transport wheelchairs; power wheelchairs; communication devices; recliner lift chairs; and more.
- Supplied hundreds of “disposable” items including: adaptive eating utensils; bathing and toileting items; nutrition for tube feedings; and more, most shipped directly to our pALS.
- Hosted seven (7) Workshops of interest including: Palliative Care; The Hospice Choice; Caregiver Stress; Social Security Disability; Alexa - What Can You Do for Me?; Accessible Home; and Information Connection.
- Hosted six (6) monthly Support Groups in various locations around Michigan including Northville; Southfield; Sterling Heights; St. Clair; Lansing; and Midland.
- Funded over 8,000 hours of in-home care to more than 110 pALS and their caregivers through our *Respite Care Assistance Program* - at a cost exceeding \$140,000 – easing the lives of our caregivers and pALS! This service was provided by more than 55 different Home Healthcare Agencies across Michigan.
- Evaluated, trained, and supported over 60 pALS through our *AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) Center*. These pALS now have the speech generating equipment that they need to stay fully connected with their loved ones and those around them.
- Provided the professional Social Work Staff to the Henry Ford Hoenselaar clinic. Also supported both Henry Ford and University of Michigan clinics by purchasing much needed supplies for them to distribute to pALS they serve.