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This referral list is an information tool for patients and families. It is intended to identify some of the agencies that provide services to ALS patients in Michigan. This list is not designed to be an exhaustive compendium of all ALS agencies or to convey any recommendation. Neither the specialists included on the referral list, nor those not included are endorsed or sanctioned. **Patients and Families should always work with their ALS medial professional for suggestions and recommendations for equipment and agencies that would be able to meet their specific needs.**

### **Categories included below are:**

- Adaptive Equipment and Medical Supplies.
- Assistive Technology Services and Devices.
- Financial Planning and Legal and Estate Planning.
- Home Adaptations.
- Transportation.
- Used Medical Equipment-Buy/Sell.
- Vans, Modifications and Conversions.

### **Adaptive Equipment and Medical Supplies**

#### **Binson's Home Health Care Center**

Wheelchairs, wheelchair repair, orthotics,  
Daily living aids, respiratory, bath aids,  
lift chairs, walkers  
Stores in Center Line, Royal Oak, Southgate  
Troy  
(888) BINSONS (246-7667)  
[www.binsons.com](http://www.binsons.com)

#### **Professional Home Health Care**

Wheelchairs, wheelchair repair, walkers,  
lifts, hospital beds, canes.  
24706 Michigan Ave.  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
(800) 322-5034 or (313) 277-2160

#### **Sheldon Medical Supply**

DME, respiratory, and mobility products. Stores in Sandusky, Bad Axe, Mt. Pleasant, Marysville,  
Houghton Lake, Caro, Marlette, and Saginaw  
(800) 922-5101  
[www.sheldonmedicalsupply.com](http://www.sheldonmedicalsupply.com)



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**Wright and Filippis**-wheelchairs, wheelchair repair,  
orthotics, lifts/ramps, respiratory, bath aids, lift chairs, walkers  
**Servicing:** Alpena, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Cass City, Clarkston, Dearborn, Detroit, Detroit  
Medical Center, Detroit Rehab Institute, Escanaba, Flint, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo,  
Lansing, Lapeer, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Marquette, Owosso, Port Huron, Saginaw, Sault Ste.  
Marie, Southfield, Warren.

Contact (800) 843-0222 for provider in your area.

2845 Crooks Road Rochester Hills, MI 48309

[www.firsttoserve.com](http://www.firsttoserve.com)

### **United Seating and Mobility**

Wheelchairs, rehab and assistive technology needs in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia, Missouri,  
Colorado, New Mexico, and Oregon.

[www.unitedseating.com](http://www.unitedseating.com)

#### **Detroit**

53115 Grand River  
New Hudson, MI 48165  
248.446.3040 office  
866.251.9349 toll free  
248.446.3042 fax

#### **Grand Rapids**

233 County Line Rd  
Freeport, MI 49325  
616.765.3860 office  
866.251.9349 toll free  
616.765.3866 fax

### **Assistive Technology Services and Devices**

#### **Assistive Technology of Michigan**

Assistive Technology of Michigan's four-step solution for the computer access, ergonomics,  
environmental control, and work site accommodation allows adults and children with physical,  
sensory, cognitive or learning disabilities to lead independent, productive lives.

43000 West Nine Mile Rd. Suite 113  
Novi, Michigan 48375

Tel: 248-348-7161

Fax: 248-348-7131

Website <http://www.atofmich.com>

Email: [info@atofmich.com](mailto:info@atofmich.com)



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## **Dental Services**

Portable Dental Services-Serving Southeastern Michigan  
(586) 873-5567  
[www.portabledentalservices.com](http://www.portabledentalservices.com)

## **Financial Planning and Legal and Estate Planning**

**Christopher B. Kroll & Associates**  
**Elder Law Solutions**  
5748 24 Mile Road  
Shelby Township, MI 46316  
(586) 323-4001 \*Dearborn Office (313) 359-2481  
[www.elderlawsolution.com](http://www.elderlawsolution.com)

**The Elder and Disability Law Firm,**  
**PLLC**  
117 Cass Avenue, Suite 302  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043  
(586) 493-7652  
[www.mymedicaid.com](http://www.mymedicaid.com)

### **Estate Planning Services, P.C.**

Livonia Office  
(734) 432-3132  
42000 Six Mile Road Suite 125  
Livonia, MI 48168  
[www.formyplan.com](http://www.formyplan.com)

Brighton Office  
(888)Plan-050  
306 W. Main Street Suite 2  
Brighton, MI 48116

## **Jim Schuester-Certified Elder Law Attorney**

(248)356-3500  
24330 Lahser Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034  
<http://www.jimschuster.com>

## **Home Adaptation**

**Able-One Elevator**  
Chairlifts/elevators/ wheelchair lifts  
(248) 889-0699  
13780 Hearthstone LN. Hartland,MI 48353



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### **Accessible Home**

Full service construction, ramps (permanent and rental), widen doorways, chairlifts.

(248) 321-8951

26675 Dequindre

Madison Heights, MI 48071

[www.accessiblehomes.net](http://www.accessiblehomes.net)

### **Bath for All**

Specialize in home modifications and improvements.

(734) 414-9525

[www.adaforall.com](http://www.adaforall.com)

### **Binson's Home Health Care Center**

Stairlifts, ceiling lifts, ramps

(888)-BINSONS

[www.binsons.com](http://www.binsons.com)

### **Disability Made Easy, LLC**

Noah Rothenberg (248) 379-5775

Home Modification, Financing, Consulting, Handicap Accessible Homes, Free Consultation

[www.disabilitymadeeasyllc.com](http://www.disabilitymadeeasyllc.com)

### **E &L Construction**

Home adaptations/ramps

(810)744-4300

### **Paulson's Construction**

Home accessibility and remodel

(517) 545-8651

### **Planet Mobility**

Wheelchair and scooter lifts, ceiling lifts

(866) GO-LIFTS or (586) 247-8900

[www.planetmobility.com](http://www.planetmobility.com)

### **Wright and Filippis**

Stairway lifts, wheelchair lifts, custom elevators, wood-constructed aluminum ramps

**Servicing** several locations. Please contact (800) 482-0222 ext.8214 for more information

### **Podiatry Services**

#### **Motor City Podiatry Associates**

In home services



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(313) 582-3820 Dearborn

(586) 755-0022 Warren

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## **Funding Assistance**

**Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund 1.800.828.2714 or**  
**<http://www.michiganloanfunds.org>**

Allows people with disabilities and seniors (or their family members) to purchase assistive technology devices or services, including modification of vehicles and homes. Loans may also cover cost of training to use the purchased equipment, warranties, and service agreements.

## **Ramps**

Before you build a ramp it is very important to work with your physical therapist/occupational therapist, neurologist, and the wheelchair company representative to make sure you build a ramp that is going to work with your specific wheelchair.

Many organizations help build ramps. **You should first check with the city you live in to see if they have a ramp assistance program.** Americorps, Elk's Club, and Lion's Club are also good resources for ramps. Lowe's and Home Depot both have programs that might help with the cost of materials. Contact your local store for more information.

Below is a listing of Michigan organizations that have helped PALS build ramps.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Contact <http://www.habitat.org> or (229) 924-6935 for local affiliates

### **Veterans-Accessible Homes**

Provides veterans with assistance with obtaining a ramp.

(248) 321-8951

[www.Acessiblehomes.net](http://www.Acessiblehomes.net)

## **Ramp Listings by County**

### **Oakland County United Way –Project Ramp**

This funding program may have a wait list.

(800)-552-1183

**United Way for Southeastern Michigan-** The Ray West Memorial Ramp Project (serving Oakland and Macomb)



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**Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Monroe Counties**

Contact: Dawn Vogel, Neighborhood Senior Services  
(734) 712-7775

**St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry Counties**

Contact: Debbie Shortt, Disability Resource Center  
(269) 345-1516

**Berrien and Cass Counties**

Contact: Community Connections  
(800) 578-4245

**Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties**

Contact: Al Swain, Capitol Area Center for Independent Living  
(517) 241-0393

**Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Muskegon, Montcalm, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Mason, Lake, Osceola Counties**

Contact: Rene Thompson, Disability Advocates (Grand Rapids Center for Independent Living)  
(616) 949-1100

**Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Midland, Bay, Gratiot, Saginaw, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac Counties**

Contact: Melissa Gleason, The Center for Independent Living of Mid-Michigan  
(517) 835-4041

**St. Clair County Blue Water Center for Independent Living (810) 987-9337**

**Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer Counties**

Contact: Mary Van Hamlin, The Disability Network  
(810) 742-1800

**Upper Peninsula**

Contact: Superior Alliance for Independent Living  
(906) 228-5744

Minnesota Ramp Project

[www.wheelchairramp.org](http://www.wheelchairramp.org)



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## **Vans, Modifications and Conversions New and Used**

### **Chrysler**

The Chrysler Mobility Program will provide cash reimbursement to assist in covering the cost of installing adaptive driver or passenger equipment on a vehicle. Conversions to minivans may be reimbursed up to \$1000 while all other Chrysler Corporation cars, and trucks qualify for a maximum of \$750. For more information, contact the Chrysler Mobility Program toll free at 800-255-9877 (TTY Users: 800-922-3826).

### **General Motors**

Through the GM Mobility Reimbursement Program, GM customers can receive up to \$1,000 of the cost of any eligible aftermarket equipment when installed on any eligible purchased or leased new vehicle.

### **Ford**

Adaptive Equipment Financial Assistance provides up to \$1,000 toward the cost of adaptive equipment or up to \$200 for an alert hearing device, lumbar support, or running boards with purchase of a new or leased vehicle. (800) 952-2248 [www.fordmobilitymotoring.com](http://www.fordmobilitymotoring.com)

### **Clock Mobility**

6700 Clay Ave.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548  
(616) 698-9400 or (800) 732-5625  
[www.clockconversions.com](http://www.clockconversions.com)

### **Gresham Driving Aids**

Van conversions and custom modifications  
Wixom, MI (800) 521-8930  
Saginaw, MI (800)608-8284  
Kalamazoo (269)341-9566  
[www.greshamdrivingaids.com](http://www.greshamdrivingaids.com)

### **Mobility Works**

1965 E. Avis  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
(866)711-5071  
[www.mobilityworks.com](http://www.mobilityworks.com)

### **Advantage Mobility Outfitters**

Vans, wheelchair lifts, scooter lifts, driving aids. Services all of Michigan.  
(800) 990-VANS  
3990 Second St. Wayne MI 48184  
[www.advantagemobility.net](http://www.advantagemobility.net)





<http://www.atxchange.org> -Used vans in Michigan

## **Local Government and Nonprofit Organizations**

### **Michigan Area Agencies on Aging**

Offers planning, developing, coordinating, funding, and monitoring services for the elderly or disabled, including meals on wheels, respite care, in home chore service, MI choice Waiver programs.

#### **Detroit Area Agency on Aging (1A)**

Brewery Park  
1333 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 200  
Detroit, MI 48207-2635  
(313) 446-4444  
Fax: (313) 392-0058  
Website: <http://comnet.org/detroiteldernet>

**Serves:** Cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, Harper Woods

#### **Area Agency on Aging 1-B**

29100 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 400  
Southfield, MI 48034  
(248) 357-2255 / (800) 852-7795  
Fax: (248) 948-9691  
Website: [www.aaa1b.org](http://www.aaa1b.org)

**Serves:** Counties of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, St. Clair

#### **Region 2 Area Agency on Aging**

8363 US 12 – P. O. Box 303  
Onsted, MI 49265  
(517) 592-1974 (800) 335-7881  
**Serves:** Counties of Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee

#### **Valley Area Agency on Aging (5)**

225 E. Fifth Street, Suite 200  
Flint, MI 48503  
(810) 239-7671 / (800) 803-7174  
Fax: (810) 239-8869  
**Serves:** Counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee

#### **Region VII Area Agency on Aging**

126 Washington Avenue  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(517) 893-4506 / (800) 858-1637

Website: [www.region7aaa.org](http://www.region7aaa.org)

**Serves:** Counties of Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Tuscola

#### **Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (9)**

2375 Gordon Rd.  
Alpena, MI 49707  
(989) 356-3474 / (800) 219-2273

Website: [www.nemcsa.org](http://www.nemcsa.org)

**Serves:** Counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosca, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon



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**Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Mich #10**

1609 Park Drive

P.O. Box 5946

Traverse City MI 49686

(231) 947-8920

**Serves:** Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford.

**The Senior Alliance (1-C)**

3850 Second, Suite 201

Wayne, MI 48184

(734) 722-2830

Website [www.aaalc.org](http://www.aaalc.org)

**Serves:** 34 Communities of Western and Southern Wayne County.

**Area Agency on Aging III-A**

3299 Gull Road

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

(269) 373-5147

**Serves:** Kalamazoo County

**Region3-B**

200 W. Michigan Ave.

Battle Creek, MI 49017

(269) 966-2450

Website: [www.seniorresources.us](http://www.seniorresources.us)

**Serves:** Barry and Calhoun

**Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging III-C**

809 Marshall Road Suite A

Coldwater MI 49036

(517)278-2538

Website [www.bhsj.org](http://www.bhsj.org)

**Serves:** Branch, St. Joseph

**Region IV Area Agency on Aging**

2900 Lakeview Ave.



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St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-0177

Website: [www.areaagencyonaging.org](http://www.areaagencyonaging.org)

**Serves:** Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren.

**Tri-County Office on Aging (6)**

5303 Cedar Street  
Lansing, MI 48911-3800  
(800)405-9141

Website [www.tcoa.org](http://www.tcoa.org)

**Serves:** Clinton, Eaton, Ingham

**Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc.**

1279 Cedar Street N.E  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-1378  
(616)456-5664

Website [www.aaawm.org](http://www.aaawm.org)

**Serves:** Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola

**Region XI Area Agency on Aging**

UPCAP Services  
2501 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
(906) 786-4701

Website <http://upcapservices.com/upaging.shtml>

**Serves:** Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, and Dickinson. Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft.

**Senior Resources-Region 14 Area Agency on Aging**

560 Seminole Road  
Tanglewood Park  
Muskegon, MI 49444  
(231) 739-5858

Website [www.seniorresources.us](http://www.seniorresources.us)

Muskegon, Oceana, Ottawa.



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## **Hospice Services**

Provides expert and compassionate care for people who are experiencing life threatening illnesses

### **Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization**

Hospice programs statewide and palliative care resources

(800) 536-6300 / (517) 886-6667

Website: [www.mihospice.org](http://www.mihospice.org)

### **Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network**

Does not provide hospice service. Will assist families with locating local hospice services. They provide spiritual care, volunteer programs, health care advice, support services

(248) 592-2687

[www.jewishhospice.com](http://www.jewishhospice.com)

## **Transportation Services**

For transportation to local Dr. appointment's you should always contact your city services department to see if they provide free wheelchair accessible transportation.

If you need help accessing transportation services in your area please contact ALS of Michigan and ask to speak with a patient services staff member at (800)882-5764.

Transport Care Services-servicing Oakland and Macomb Counties

1-888-811-4655

<http://www.transport-care.com>

### **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

Provide transportation with small buses and lift vans for individuals who cannot use the fixed route bus service

Public Transit Agencies / Urbanized & Nonurbanized Public Transit Agencies

State Transportation Bldg.

425 W. Ottawa St.

P. O. Box 30050

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-2090



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**SMART**  
Customer Service  
(313) 640-8931

**Friendly Family Transportation, Inc.**  
(services Macomb, Oakland & Wayne  
counties (313) 962-5515 / (800) 624-3455

**Give-A-Lift**  
(248) 569-5010

Services Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair,  
Washtenaw & Wayne Counties)

**Michigan Department of Transportation,  
Driver & Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)**

Offers disabled parking permits  
Michigan Department of State  
Lansing, MI 48918 Information phone number (517) 322-1460

**Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit**  
Escorted rides for seniors and people with disabilities  
248-592-2226

## **Veterans Hospital & Healthcare Facilities in Michigan**

### **The Veteran's Administration (VA)**

The VA will now award full benefits to veterans with ALS based on an Institute of Medicine report that found limited and suggestive evidence of a link between the disease and their military service. Veteran's Affairs may assist with medical care, equipment needs, home care, and case management services. Contact your local facility to inquire about services.

All veterans with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) who have served at least 90 days in the US military will be eligible for full medical and disability benefits from the Veterans Administration. To register for benefits you may contact:

### **Local Centers**

**Detroit-VA Medical Center**  
Social Work Department  
4646 John R  
Detroit, MI 48201  
(800) 827-1000

**VA Hospital – Ann Arbor**  
2215 Fuller Court  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
(800) 361-8387



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**Battle Creek VA Medical Center**

5500 Armstrong Road  
Battle Creek, MI 49015  
Phone: (269) 966-5600 or (888) 214-1247  
Fax: (269) 966-5483

**Iron Mountain-VA Medical Center**

325 East H Street  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
Phone: (906) 774-3300 or (800) 215-8262  
Fax: (906) 779-3114

**Saginaw -VA Medical Center**

1500 Weiss Street  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
Phone: (989) 497-2500 or (800) 406-5143  
Fax: (989) 791-2217

**Other Support Service Organizations**

**Citizens for Better Care <http://www.cbcmi.org/>**

Information on nursing home care, assisted  
and independent living and adult foster care  
Southeastern, MI (800) 833-954  
Grand Rapids, MI (800) 782-2918  
Eastern, MI (800) 284-0046  
Lansing, MI (800) 292-7852

**Jewish Assistance Program**

Financial assistance, food, health care, housing,  
Employment services, mental health services,  
Services for children and teens, transportation  
(248) 592-2650



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**Department of Human Services**

State agency offering assistance with medical services, food and cash assistance, social workers to aid in the application of Medicaid benefits

P. O. Box 30037  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-2035  
Fax (517) 335-6101 Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>

**Easter Seal of Michigan** – Multiple Locations-Provides services for people with disabilities and their families [www.mi-ws.easter-seals.org](http://www.mi-ws.easter-seals.org)

Southeastern Michigan  
7100 Lindenmere, Bloomfield, MI 48301  
(248) 538-7830

Grand Rapids, MI  
4065 Saladin Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 48546 (616) 942-2081

North Oakland Family Mental Health Center  
28 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, MI 48342  
(248) 858-5326

East–Central Region  
804 South Hamilton, Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 797-0880

**Muscular Dystrophy Association**

Contact (800) 572-1717 for Local Affiliates  
3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718  
Website: <http://www.mdausa.org/>, Email: [mda@mdausa.org](mailto:mda@mdausa.org)

**Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service**

Legal rights for individuals with disabilities  
(517) 487-1755 / (800) 288-5923  
Website: [www.mpas.org](http://www.mpas.org)

**Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH)**

Unabridged library of books on tape or printed in braille and shipped to your door, also, adaptive technology center.

Michigan Library & Historical Center (Main Office)  
702 West Kalamazoo Street  
Lansing, MI 48915  
(800) 992-9012 / Local number (517) 373-5614  
Website: [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal)



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**Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)**

Information on health care coverage including HIPAA, Medicaid, services for seniors and persons with disabilities. Mental health treatment.

Sixth Floor, Lewis Cass Bldg.  
320 South Walnut Street  
Lansing, MI 48913 (517) 373-3500  
TDD (517) 373-3573  
Website: [www.Michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.Michigan.gov/mdch)

**Paralyzed Veterans of America (Michigan Chapter)**

Expertise, resources and benefits for veterans with spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

40550 Grand River Ave.  
Novi, MI 48375  
(248) 476-9000  
(800) 638-MPVA (Michigan only)  
Fax (248) 476-9545 Website: [www.michiganpva.org](http://www.michiganpva.org)

**Share a Smile**

Goal is to allocate financial resources directly to those underserved populations who cannot find assistance through traditional channels. Provide assistance to people as they face the everyday challenges of their lives, we are able to direct our giving and allocate dollars where they can have the greatest impact

5151 Corporate Drive, Mail Stop S-355-4  
Troy, Michigan 48098  
248.312.5345 (phone)  
[www.shareasmile.org](http://www.shareasmile.org)

**Social Security Administration – Multiple Locations**

(Federal Social Security program intended to replace part of your earnings lost because of retirement, death, or disability)

Toll Free Number – (800) 772-1213 / Mon. – Fri. 7am – 7pm  
[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)





Who Was Lou Gehrig?

Lou Gehrig was a famous baseball player who played for the New York Yankees in the late 1920s through 1939. Lou Gehrig died from ALS in 1941. He wore the number 4 and was nicknamed the "Iron Horse" due to the record setting number of consecutive games he played during his career.

Lou Gehrig was the Yankees first baseman during the late 20's through 1939. He had over 200 hits in eight seasons and had a career average of .340. His most noted accomplishment was his playing streak, which stretched to 2,130 consecutive games, a Major League record which stood for 56 years. Lou Gehrig set an American League record with 184 runs batted in 1931. He holds the record for most career grand slams (23) and won a Triple Crown in 1934. He led the American League in home runs three times, led in RBI five times, and won the League MVP in 1936 when he hit 49 home runs, scored 167 runs, and batted .354.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1939 the Yankee organization held "Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day." On this day, Lou Gehrig gave the famous speech quoted below. He was also presented with various awards and his number 4 was retired, the first player ever to have his number retired. The following December, he was unanimously elected into the Hall of Fame. The Baseball Writers Association waived the existing rule which required a player to be retired one year before he could be elected. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1941, Lou Gehrig died in New York from ALS.