



GET IN. WE'RE CURING ALS

"We can, we will overcome." - Brian Wallach, I AM ALS Co-Founder

What We're Up To

Happy New Year! I AM ALS is heading into 2021 with even more momentum and hope for ALS cures because of your unrelenting advocacy. We are still riding the high of the ALS community helping to pass the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act and *again* doubling Department of Defense federal spending for ALS research to \$40 million. Cheers to another year of making incredible progress together!

Beauty in Disability by Mayuri Saxena

Join I AM ALS as we host the talented activist and artist Mayuri Saxena for a virtual exhibit and discussion of her work.

SHOW ME THE ART!

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Community Outreach Team

The Community Outreach Team welcomes its new co-lead, [Lori Andre](#)!



Legislative Affairs Team

The Legislative Affairs Team discussed legislative priorities for the 117th Congress and created a plan to engage new

and seasoned legislators. Do you know who your legislator is? If not, we've got you covered: [Click here](#).



Thank You Squad

The Thank You Squad sent out 1,774 thank you notes to donors in 2020! Reminder: each one of these gems is hand written for a personal touch. That's a lot of love!



Veterans Affairs Team

The Veteran Affairs Team sprinted into 2021 by planning a presentation on ALS and veterans for Montgomery County (MD) Commission on Veteran Affairs. The team also set a deadline of February 1st for the VA Gap Analysis survey. If you are a veteran with ALS, fill out [this survey](#) now!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

JANUARY 10-16

NEALS Webinar on Expanded Access to Investigational Drugs

Join a webinar on Expanded Access Programs (EAPs). In EAPs, people with ALS who are not eligible for clinical trials are provided the study medication on a compassionate use basis. The panelists will discuss the benefits and challenges surrounding EAPs and outline a path forward.

[Register here](#)

HEALEY ALS Platform Trial Q&A

The platform trial investigators and study team will be available to answer any and all questions about the trial.

[Register here](#)

SEE ALL EVENTS



I AM ALS is a patient-led community that provides critical support and resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones. It empowers advocates to raise awareness and lead the revolution against ALS in driving the development of cures. Learn more at iamals.org.

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