# IAM ALS



## Get In. We're Ending ALS

BREAKING NEWS: ACT for ALS will be voted on by the House of Representatives next week! More to come.

#### What We're Up To:

This holiday season, we've launched the Give the Gift of Hope campaign. Hope comes in many forms, so we've made it easy to give the gift of hope through awareness, support, research and/or funding. Share your story, join the Peer Support initiative, contact your senators about ACT for ALS, or even build your own fundraising page -- the possibilities are endless!

### **Give the Gift of Hope**

You can give hope to those impacted by ALS in so many ways. Find out how.

**GIVE HOPE** 

### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**



#### **Clinical Trials Team**

This incredible team is presenting two posters at the upcoming International ALS MND Symposium: one on the Morris ALS Principles and the other on the revised ALS Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R). Learn more about these projects <u>here</u>.



#### **Community Outreach Team**

Rock star team member Gia decked out her car in ACT for ALS window art, and the community took notice! Check it out and get inspired <u>here</u>.

#### **Familial ALS Team**



This team is also presenting at the Symposium about the new Genetic ALS Observational Studies Dashboard as part of ALS Signal. Check out their poster here and their video here.



#### Legislative Affairs Team

This team is recruiting a pool of advocates from across the country who are willing to tweet at, write to and meet with legislators and participate in other legislative practices. If you'd like to get involved, fill out the form <u>here</u>.



#### Many Shades of ALS Team

The Boa Flouncer, aka Many Shades of ALS co-lead Katrina Byrd, will be hitting your social feeds celebrating other community members kicking ALS soon.



Community Spotlight: Cathy Nally Meet Cathy! Cathy is a powerhouse legislative advocate living with ALS in Massachusetts. She loves doing charity work and adores her two kids. Learn more about Cathy by reading her story <u>here</u>.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

#### **Holiday Support Groups**

The holiday season can bring up lots of emotions. If you are struggling this holiday season, please consider joining us for a support group. Whether you are living with ALS, are a caregiver, a family member, or someone grieving, we will do our best to connect you with others going through similar experiences and support you. **Register** 

I AM ALS Research Grant Update – HEALEY Center

Join us on Monday December 13, 2021 at 12 p.m. ET for a community conversation with Dr. Sabrina Paganoni! We will hear from Dr. Paganoni about her ongoing research funded by I AM ALS. <u>Register</u>

#### I AM ALS Research Grant Update - UC Irvine

Join us on Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 3 p.m. ET for a community conversation with Dr. Albert La Spada! We will hear from Dr. La Spada about his ongoing research funded by I AM ALS. <u>Register</u>

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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