



# Get In. We're Ending ALS

## What We're Up To

I AM ALS needs your help to push the Senate to pass critical legislation before 2022 comes to an end. The AUTO for Veterans Act (S.444) will allow eligible disabled Veterans to receive an additional grant to help purchase a new adaptive vehicle, helping them to go to medical appointments, visit family and friends, run errands, or travel for leisure and fun. Learn more about this bill [here](#), and contact your senators about the bill [here](#).

## Women living with ALS - we need you!

Our Peer Support Initiative matches people seeking guidance and community with mentors who have a similar connection to ALS. Right now, we need more women living with ALS, especially those with a known genetic link to ALS, to serve as mentors. Join us!

[APPLY HERE](#)

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## COMMUNITY UPDATES



### Community Outreach Team

The ALS community has shouldered a lot of loss this year. The Community Outreach Team had a wonderful idea to honor those we have lost in 2022 by creating an In Memoriam video. If your loved one passed away from ALS during 2022 and you would like them included in the video, please fill out [this form](#).



### **Familial ALS Team**

This team recently welcomed the folks at ALS4 into their ranks. Check out their website and learn more about ALS4 at [ALS4.org](https://ALS4.org).



### **Legislative Affairs Team**

This team is always looking for new members with a passion for driving change in Congress for those impacted by ALS. If you've been looking for a sign to join them, this is it! Learn more and sign up [here](#).



### **Lou Gehrig Day Team**

New team just dropped!! The Lou Gehrig Day Team will – you guessed it – help plan and execute Lou Gehrig Day events for future years. They're gathering members, so if you're interested, please sign up to join them [here!](#)



### **Many Shades of ALS Team**

Katrina Byrd, co-chair of this amazing team, will be attending the 2022 STAT Summit next week! She will be presenting about the Many Shades of ALS Team and the amazing work they've done, as well as their plans for the future. Congratulations, Katrina!



### **Veterans Team**

This team is always working hard to create new resources for Veterans living with ALS and their loved ones. Their latest resource, "I'm a Veteran Diagnosed with ALS - Where Do I Begin?" is available now! Check it out [here](#) and share it with anyone who could benefit from this information.



Learning more about your or your loved one's diagnosis can empower you to actively participate in planning care. Sometimes it's hard to know where to start or what questions to ask. Our Community Support Team has created a series of checklists with questions to ask your care teams to help get you started. Check it out at our "How to Build Your Care Plan" page [here](#).



## Community Spotlight: Kristin Rankin

Meet Kristin! Kristin is a researcher, a mentor, and a mom to three girls. She was diagnosed with ALS six years ago but is still able to work, travel with her family, and volunteer with I AM ALS' Community Outreach Team. She brings her warm spirit and fresh ideas to each meeting, and we're grateful to have her! Read more of Kristin's story [here](#).

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### ALS Reversals: An Update for 2022

Everything ALS is presenting this webinar with Dr. Richard Bedlack as part of their ALS Expert Talk Series. Dr. Bedlack is the leader of the ALS Reversals program which attempts to understand why some people with ALS recover from it, and to make this happen more often. This webinar will take place on November 23rd at 7 p.m. ET.

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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](http://iamals.org).

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