



## Where the money goes...

As efficient, effective stewards of our donors' contributions, we make sure that more than 79 cents out of every dollar goes directly to improve the lives of people living with MS and their families through programs, services and by funding MS research. The remaining 18 cents of every dollar is wisely invested to strengthen our capacity to better serve people with MS through efficient administration and fundraising. In addition, 3% annually is placed in reserves to provide for future unanticipated needs. Below is a list of just a few of the services our donors' support enables:

- To provide direct support and financial assistance. Just as MS affects each person uniquely, we respond to individual needs. From the young adult newly diagnosed, to the man or woman who has lived with the disease for decades, to the family member caring for a loved one, we are a one-stop source of support, service and advice.

Multiple sclerosis creates a range of challenges that can result in short-term financial crises, difficulty obtaining critical equipment and home or auto modifications, and diminished capacity to pay for MS-related needs. We offer guidance, referrals and resources to help contain the financial impact of MS through disease modifying therapies, prescription assistance, care management and financial assistance.

- To champion families affected by MS by coordinating family and social programs, a college scholarship program for kids with MS or kids who have parents living with MS, and other family support programs.

We believe that MS should not stand in the way of an education. The National MS Society Scholarship Program helps students affected by MS move forward in their lives. Our three Chapters in Washington and Oregon granted 77 scholarships to help college bound students touched by MS to pursue post-secondary education.

- To support research and training projects. The National MS Society is the largest private funder of MS research in the world. We are a driving force of MS research and treatment to stop disease progression, restore function, and end MS forever.

The National MS Society supports and funds research activities spanning ALL research stages, including early discovery research, translational research that brings promising ideas forward into actual therapeutic solutions for testing, and clinical trials. Our unique approach drives the pursuit of all promising avenues that can impact those living with multiple sclerosis.

Our support and services are local, but our vision is global. By raising funds for research, we help ensure a better world today and tomorrow for people who live with MS. By supporting and encouraging local involvement, we advance the momentum here at home that can lead to better treatments and a cure for the disease.