



About the ALS Association of Texas

What is ALS?

ALS is a disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Eventually, people with ALS lose the ability to move their muscles, which often leads to total paralysis. The average life expectancy of a person diagnosed with ALS is 2-5 years. The few treatments available only slow progression, and there is no cure for ALS.

Our Mission

The ALS Association and the Texas Chapter operate under a shared mission: To discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

Our Vision

To create a world without ALS.

The ALS Association of Texas – What We Do

The ALS Association is the only national nonprofit completely dedicated to fighting ALS. The Texas Chapter focuses our resources on helping people across the state by addressing the entire ALS ecosystem: providing local care to support people who need help now, advocating for public policy that serves the needs of people with ALS, and investing in research to find treatments and, ultimately, a cure.

Short Version:

The ALS Association is the only national nonprofit completely dedicated to fighting ALS. Our work covers all the bases — research, patient and community services, public education, and advocacy — in providing help, support, and hope to those facing the disease.

What Your Donation Supports:

Your donation supports:

- Local Care, including support groups, equipment loans, and access to specialized ALS clinics
- Advocating for public policy that serves the needs of people with ALS
- Research to find treatments and a cure for ALS

Our Programs

ALS is a devastating disease — physically, emotionally, financially and logistically. Our goal is to alleviate as much of a family's burden as we can, through programs such as:

1. ALS Association Certified Treatment Centers and Clinics
2. Consultation and Referral
3. ALS Support Groups
4. Equipment Loan Bank
5. Veterans Medical Benefits Referral Service
6. ALS Community Education
7. Navigating ALS Tool
8. The "Living with ALS" Series
9. Bereavement Support

Research

The ALS Association has long been the leader in funding ALS research across the globe. Because there is no cure for ALS, this research is a crucial component of our mission, and has resulted in some significant breakthroughs in understanding, treating, and potentially curing this disease. Our approach is global – the world is our lab – enabling us to fund the top ALS researchers worldwide and ensure that the most promising research continues to be supported.

Advocacy

The ALS Association is at the forefront of public policy, working to improve the lives of people living with ALS and their caregivers. Our priorities include:

1. Passing the ALS Disability Act to waive the five-month waiting period for patients with ALS before receiving benefits under Social Security Disability Insurance
2. Increasing funding for research efforts
3. Improving benefits for military veterans diagnosed with ALS.
4. Opposing competitive bidding for non-invasive ventilators.

Every year, a group of ALS Texas staff members, ALS patients, caregivers, and supporters travel to Washington, D.C. to call on our elected officials as part of the National ALS Advocacy Day.

To learn more or get involved, visit www.alstexas.org.