

# ALS

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## Committed to the Cause

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The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter is fortunate to be guided by a caring Board of Directors, hundreds of dedicated volunteers and a committed and knowledgeable staff.

Visit with the staff and it won't be long before you hear how much they care about the work they do and the people they serve. Combined, they have over 85 years of experience working for the Chapter. They are educated and experienced professionals in nursing, social work, accounting, education, event planning, marketing, desktop publishing, communication and database management.

Each staff member shares in the mission of the Chapter - to find a cure for ALS and improve living with ALS.

Here's what they say their job means to them:

### Kansas City



**Linnea Brandt**  
*Patient Services Coordinator*

“Working with those who have ALS and their very special families has been one of the most rewarding positions I've held. They've taught me, even more than I realized, the importance of faith and humor in getting through life and beyond. It is truly a privilege to be allowed into their lives at this very poignant time.”

**Bob Calhoun**  
*Controller*



“Good Cause - (Similar to my father-in-law's disease)  
Good People - Friendly atmosphere  
Good Results - Both Patient Services & Fund Raising  
Good Place to Work!!”

## Night of Hope February 5<sup>th</sup>

**Call Emily at 913.648.2062, ext. 221  
to see if tickets are still available.**

**Kansas City**



**Beckie Cooper**  
*Executive Director*

“Bringing together the vision of a Board of Directors, the generosity of volunteers and donors and the determination of a dedicated staff into direct service for those whose lives have been intruded upon by ALS is very rewarding. To watch first hand the warmth and reward experienced by those who give and the appreciation and relief expressed by those who receive is indeed an honor.”



**Emily Fish**  
*Event & Awareness Coordinator*

“It’s really motivating to know that each day when you wake up, you’re going to have a direct impact on someone’s life.

Each day when we come into the office we have the opportunity to change the world - one person at a time, one dollar at a time, one smile at a time. That’s a huge job. But it’s one that keeps you going. In this position, no matter how awful your day is, you absolutely can not lose sight of who you’re working for. It makes the “problems” of the day seem so inconsequential. I work each day with the hope that soon I’ll be out of a job. I love what I do.”



**Nancy Lindquist**  
*Patient Services Coordinator*

“I’ve had 6 wonderfully rewarding years with the ALS Association, and continue to be touched at every level by the day to

day heroic struggles; seemingly impossible successes achieved; great mountains of faith observed; and the compellingly positive attitudes of every individual who has been struck with ALS. To be able to provide any small measure of comfort, impart much requested information, or ease the burden of difficult daily tasks, is our collective goal, and in and of itself is a fulfilling and rewarding opportunity that not everyone has the chance to be part of...because you do become a part of the lives and fabric of the entire ALS community.

Our KW staff is the best, and whenever a helping hand, or more importantly, a sustaining word is needed, the rank and file rally! In all aspects, it’s a tangible labor of love, and for that, I am truly grateful to be doing what I do today!”



**Sally Dwyer**  
*Programs Director*

“During my 10 years working with the Chapter, I’ve witnessed advancements in ALS research, compassion by my co-workers and enormous courage by the individuals and families who are living with ALS. What a fulfilling job!”



**Suzanne Frye**  
*Desktop Publishing & Administrative Assistant*

“This started as just a job. Over four years have passed since I began working here. I have gained a family and the ALS family is a wonderful family to be apart of. My life has been touched by the people with ALS, the volunteers and my fellow co-workers who I have come to know.”



**John Hill**  
*Information Technologist*

“Not your typical 9 to 5 job: As in the technical field of other organizations the possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Here at the ALS Association I am given the opportunity to use my imagination. Add to that the fact that I’m surrounded by colleagues who care about what they do and the people they serve, and to that the reward that naturally comes from working toward a common goal, empowering those around you, and helping others. “Job” doesn’t really seem to define what I do. I love the possibilities that every day brings.”



**Sarah Tucker**  
*Patient Services Administrator*

“I am so grateful that I have been privileged to be associated with the ALS Association for so many years, even for a time before the formal organization of the Keith Worthington Chapter. Through these years I have seen tremendous growth in Chapter services and have made so many dear, close friends. The disease is so devastating yet it is so fulfilling to know that somehow I have been able to help patients or families cope as they deal with ALS. I hope and pray that I can see the end to ALS as a cause and cure are found.”

## Central & Western Kansas



**Jean Haley**  
*Patient Services Coordinator*

"This has been the most rewarding job I've ever had because of the wonderful people one is privileged to serve (not that the staff isn't great too). However, the patients and families never cease to amaze me because they have such a realistic and yet heroic grasp on life and living. It seems in the time that they have been given to progress through their illness they touch many lives of those around them and those lucky enough to share their transition never forget the lessons that they impart. I have learned far more from them than I have ever felt that I could teach them."

Some folks who don't understand this type of job have said, 'Oh your job must be so depressing!' I've never felt that way about it. It seems like such an inspiration and an affirmation to the best in humanity and the true meaning of what life is all about - - unending love."



**Kathleen Wille**  
*Event & Awareness Coordinator*

"In the morning when I first wake up, I wiggle my toes and stretch my legs. I thank my Higher Power for these gifts and then ask guidance through the day to help those that can't move from ALS. I'm blessed through the year working with and for so many great families."

## Central Missouri



**Paul Blackwell**  
*Patient Services Coordinator*

"Even though I cannot change the disease, I can help make the quality of life better for the patient and their family. I enjoy helping people and the good feeling I get from providing that help. The patients and families always seem glad to see you."



**Valerie Gustin**  
*Event & Awareness Coordinator*

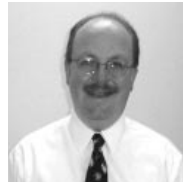
"I enjoy working for the ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter because of the people. The people we serve, the people we work with, the volunteers, and the caring communities. It enriches my life to work for such a worthy cause and live amongst such wonderful people."

## Nebraska



**Sonya Glenn**  
*Patient Services Coordinator*

"The best part of this job has got to be all the wonderful people you get to know. They share so much of their lives with us and teach us about life in ways that you'll never experience working anywhere else. It is certainly difficult when we lose someone to ALS...but we see their spirit live on through memorials, events, and especially in all the lives they've touched."



**Ric Miller**  
*Event & Awareness Coordinator*

"There are days, and we all have to be honest, when this job becomes a little overwhelming. There are days when we return from a funeral and find out that someone else has lost their battle with this terrible disease. The sky may be blue, but you can't see the sunshine for the sadness. And then you get an email from a patient with ALS, a note from a survivor, a financial gift from someone who knows they're investing in a great cause, and you go on because you know someone who has it far worse than you needs you and the work you do. The personal rewards are unmatched."

## *Tuesdays with Morrie* to Benefit ALSA

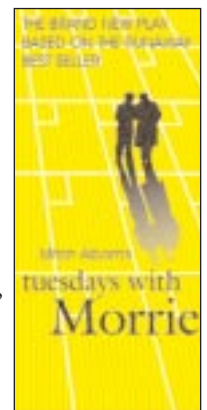
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. Reception & Cash Bar

6:30 p.m. Performance

Tickets - \$30

Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays with Morrie* makes its Midwest stage debut May 6 to June 19, 2005 at the American Heartland Theatre, Crown Center, 2450 Grand Blvd., Suite 314, Kansas City, Missouri.



Based on the runaway best-selling novel and an Emmy-winning film by the same title, this autobiographical story follows Mitch Albom as he rekindles a friendship with his former college professor and mentor, Morrie Schwartz. A simple Tuesday visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage between Mitch and his professor, who only has months to live. This touching play will have you laughing, smiling and emotionally involved as life's lessons are pondered.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 913.648.2062, ext. 201, email the Chapter at [info@alsa-midwest.org](mailto:info@alsa-midwest.org) or go to our website at [www.alsa-midwest.org](http://www.alsa-midwest.org).

## Suggested Reading List

### *Communication and Swallowing Solutions for the ALS/MND Community*

By: Marta S. Kazandjian  
ISBN: 1-56593-808-9  
Price: \$39.95 U.S.  
Publisher: Singular Publishing Group, Inc.  
Contact: 401 W. "A" St. Suite 325  
San Diego, CA 92101-7904  
Phone: 800-347-7707

### *Life on Wheels - For the Active Wheelchair User*

"Life on Wheels" offers practical ways to adapt and optimize the quality of your life. It covers subjects such as skin care, bowel and bladder care, sexuality, home access, maintaining a wheelchair and dealing with insurance problems.  
By: Gary Karp  
ISBN: 1-56592-253-0  
Price: \$24.95  
Date: 1999  
Publisher: O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.  
Contact: 1230 Heil Quaker Blvd. LaVegne, TN 37086  
Phone: 800-998-9938

### *Compassionate Laughter: Jest for Your Health*

By: Patty Wooten, R.N.  
ISBN: 1-881394-44-1  
Price: \$12.95 U.S.  
Date: 1996  
Publisher: Commune-A-Key

Publishing  
Contact: P.O. Box 58637  
Salt Lake City, UT 84158  
Phone: 800-983-0600

### *Heart Humor & Healing*

By: Edited by Patty Wooten, R.N.  
ISBN: 1-881394-43-3  
Price: \$9.95  
Date: 1994  
Publisher: Commune-A-Key Publishing  
Phone: 800-983-0600  
831-460-1600

### *It Helps To Talk About It - Living, Not Dying, With Lou Gebrig's Disease*

By: Bob MacLean  
ISBN: 0-0000000-00  
Publisher: Impact 2000 Group, Inc.  
Contact: P. O. Box 6168  
Palm Harbor, 34684-0768  
Email: admin@impact2000group.com

### *The Complete Bedside Companion - No-Nonsense Advice on Caring for the Seriously Ill*

By: Rodger McFarlane and Philip Bashe  
ISBN: 0684843196  
Price: \$16.00  
Date: 1998  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster  
Contact: Rockefeller Center  
1230 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10020

## FORE!

Mark your calendars now for these three fabulous golf tournaments.

Kansas City Pairings Party - May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kansas City Golf - May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Nebraska Pairings Banquet - June 5<sup>th</sup>

Nebraska Golf - June 6<sup>th</sup>

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Wichita Pairings Party - July 17<sup>th</sup>

Wichita Golf - July 18<sup>th</sup>



## Attention ALS Surviving Spouses

You are entitled to receive the social security disability benefits of your deceased spouse when you turn 60. You will receive the benefits until you start receiving your own social security benefits at 62 or older (depending on your own situation.)

When applying for these benefits, you will need to show the following documents:

- Copy of spouse's birth certificate
- Copy of your marriage license
- Copy of spouse's death certificate
- Spouse's social security number
- Your photo ID
- Your social security number

For more information, please contact the Social Security office nearest you.

## Do you know someone who flies airplanes, shows motorcycles or cars, or plays golf? Read on...

Getting There to fight ALS: Airplane, Motorcycle, Car Show: this first time event plans to be wonderful bringing together three great transportation favorites. Midwest Aviation / Jabara Airport will host the show from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16. Airplane fly-ins, motorcycle and cars will be welcome, and then the public invited. Prizes and breakfast will highlight the show.

July 17 & 18, we're pleased to announce that Kerry Gray ALS Pro-Am at Wichita Country Club will be a sectional pro tournament open to pro's in a three state area- Southern Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Pros will be competing for dollars, so the play promises to be exceptional. The weekend includes Sunday night, at River City Brewery / Loft 150, in Old Town with an incredible party of auction, live entertainment, drinks and food.

To request fliers to distribute to friends and families, contact the Wichita office at 800-553-9056 (316.612.0188) or [wichita@alsa-midwest.org](mailto:wichita@alsa-midwest.org).

## Screening Effort Identifies Ceftriaxone as Potential ALS Therapeutic

[QUICK SUMMARY: A screening consortium has revealed a previously unknown property of an existing drug, to alter glutamate transporter protein expression, and prolong survival in animal models of ALS.]

Researchers have published results in the January issue of the journal *Nature*, on a potential new treatment route for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), using an already marketed drug. Unexpectedly, the compound alters the levels of a protein that regulates the nerve cell messenger, glutamate. Now the drug, called ceftriaxone, is about to enter clinical testing in ALS.

"We now have a candidate going to clinical trials, due to this unique effort that brought drug screening into the academic arena," commented ALSA science director Lucie Bruijn, Ph.D., who is an author on the paper.

Originally designed to target microbial metabolism, many of the beta lactam class of compounds can also affect glutamate transporter protein expression. Glutamate is a critical messenger for the central nervous system. It is kept at proper concentrations by means of a transporter molecule, called EAAT2, which collects any excess. Scientists funded through a consortium effort discovered that several beta lactams can affect the readout of the gene coding for the EAAT2 transporter and thereby influence levels of glutamate.

The revelation about this action of beta lactam drugs came about through a concerted effort to screen existing compounds for potential in neurodegenerative diseases. "These studies document a new property of a very common antibiotic," write the researchers, "and demonstrate that beta lactams can activate the gene for a neurotransmitter transporter."

The drug screening effort was initiated as a joint project of The ALS Association (ALSA), the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), the Hereditary Disease Foundation (HDF), and the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA). Investigators from 26 laboratories took part in the initial 6-month, \$1.3 million project, which tested 1,040 compounds using 29 different assays, or tests <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=284>.

Drug companies frequently conduct rapid drug-screening programs that examine many thousands of compounds at a time. The effort that revealed the glutamate action of beta lactams is noteworthy in that it was publicly funded, involved primarily academic researchers, and targeted drugs already approved by the FDA.

Already marketed drugs have significant advantages compared to newly identified compounds because they have undergone years of use in humans. This means that they could be immediately available for testing in patients if the data from the drug screen look promising. A clinical trial in ALS of ceftriaxone is slated to start in the spring.

Drugs that show statistically significant activity in multiple assays are especially promising candidates for tests in animal models. Ceftriaxone was one of these compounds. Led by investigator Jeffrey Rothstein, M.D., Ph.D., at Johns Hopkins, the team found that ceftriaxone increased levels of the glutamate transporter protein, at concentrations known to reach the brain.

Spinal cord tissue taken from nine day old rats, provided the initial screen. The investigators confirmed the action in living rats and went on to show that the drugs work to turn on the gene that codes for the transporter protein. Ceftriaxone was able to raise the amount of transporter protein in the brains of rats for three months, the maximum duration of administration tested.

The team then turned to various test tube models of neural injury and found the drugs effective in preventing cell death. Finally, they studied the drugs in the SOD1 mutant mouse model of ALS, in experiments co-funded by ALSA, NINDS, the Packard center, and Project A.L.S. (The animal testing was performed at PsychoGenics <http://www.alsa.org/research/grant.cfm?id=175&&CFID=1377719&CFTOKEN=71273851>). Ceftriaxone delayed loss of muscle strength and body weight when treatment began at disease onset, 12 weeks of age in the mice. Earlier treatment did not add to the effect. Survival was prolonged similarly, for about ten days, by treatment that began at either 12 weeks or at six weeks of age.

Mice who were treated beginning at 70 days showed less glial scarring, and had more motor neurons surviving, after two weeks of treatment, compared to untreated mutant SOD1 mice, the researchers also found.

Early treatment would not necessarily produce longer survival, Rothstein and colleagues wrote, as the loss of transporter is not evident until around 90 days in these animals. Rothstein and collaborators have organized a trial of ceftriaxone in ALS, funded by the National Institutes of Health. Details of the trial, including clinical sites and start dates, will be available by spring 2005.

*To read a news release from Johns Hopkins Medicine on this research, visit [http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/Press\\_releases/2005/01\\_05\\_05.html](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/Press_releases/2005/01_05_05.html).*

*For information from the Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins, visit <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/alscenter/>.*

## Drug Development Update

<u>Compound or Drug Trial</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Company or Center</u>
The Vest	Enrollment Open	American Biosystems, Inc.
AVP-923-Neurodex	Open Label Trial	Avanir Pharmaceutical
Celebrex	NEW UPDATE	Northeast ALS Consortium
Tamoxifen	Enrollment Open	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Myotrophin®	Enrollment Open	Cephalon
NAALADase	Pre-clinical investigation phase	Guilford Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NEOTROFIN™	Pre-clinical investigation phase	NeoTherapeutics, Inc.
Minocycline Investigation	Enrollment Open	Eleanor and Lou Gehrig ALS Center at Columbia University
Bupirone Investigation	Currently Enrolling	Multicenter ALS
Creatine	Enrolling patients	The Carolinas Neuromuscular/ALS Center
Ritonavir and hydroxyurea	Enrollment pending	ALS TDF and the Hillblom Foundation
AEOL 10150	Enrolling as of September 2004	Aeolus Pharmaceuticals
High Dose Coenzyme Q10	Enrollment Open	The Eleanor and Lou Gehrig MDA/ALS Research Center
New Gene Study	Enrollment Open	Massachusetts General Hospital

### CLOSED TRIALS

<u>Compound or Drug Trial</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Company or Center</u>
Neurodex	Study Complete	Avanir Pharmaceuticals
Rilutek®	FDA approved drug currently avail.	Aventis S.A.
Oxandolone	Study Completed	The Carolinas Neuromuscular/ALS MDA Center
Pilot CoQ10	Enrollment Closed	Eleanor and Lou Gehrig ALS Center at Columbia University
Pilot CoQ10 with imaging	Enrollment Closed	Eleanor and Lou Gehrig ALS Center at Columbia University
Topiramate (Topamax)	Study Completed	North Eastern ALS Consortium
Xaliproden	Prelim. analysis released 9/5/00	Sanofi-Synthelabo Inc.
Indinavir	Study Completed	Beth Israel Medical Center
Creatine	Study Completed	North Eastern ALS Consortium
Creatine	Study Completed	The West Virginia University School of Medicine

*Note: This document is prepared as a service for the ALS community and is intended as general information. Content used in this report is obtained from informed members of the pharmaceutical industry and the ALS community.*

## Support Group News

*For those affected by ALS, these support groups provide a forum to share information and practical experience, a safe place to allow emotions to speak, an educational gathering spot where speakers and caregivers address subjects of major interest, and a place to witness first hand the constant miracle of people continuing to live productive fulfilling lives in spite of having ALS. (The following support group reports were available at print time.)*

### Omaha

There were 13 people at support group December 9<sup>th</sup>. Attendees watched the video on the ALSA Keith Worthington Chapter, "I Choose to Run." The rest of the evening was open for discussion and sharing. At the January 13<sup>o</sup> meeting BevVan Phillips from Home Access Solutions will join us to present ideas on helpful equipment and home modifications.

### Springfield

The Springfield support group braved frigid temperatures to warm the hearts of friends and family for the Holiday Festivals party on December 14<sup>th</sup>!



### In Memorium

We send our sympathy & support to the families & friends of those who have recently died after battling ALS.

Robert Barnett

Wilma Smyres

Louise Brandt

Maurine Spain

Margaret "Maggie" Eiken

Barbara Tartar

Matthew Kayson

### Memorials

Thanks to the families of the following for designating our Chapter for donations:

Robert Barnett

Jon Hall

Louise Brandt

Matthew Kayson

Jamie Brooks

Donald Stout

Margaret "Maggie" Eiken

Barbara Tartar

# FOR SALE

## HOME

For Sale By Owner - 2709 NE 78th St. Custom built wheelchair accessible home in upper class neighborhood. 5-BR, 3-Gar, 1 1/2 story on treed lot. Separate living area in finished basement for caregiver, etc. w/office. No-Step entrances oversized "roll-in" shower; whirlpool tub w/Hoyer lift, hardwood & ceramic tile floors. \$369,000. Call 816-436-3141.

## VANS

1982 Dodge Van, manual transmission with Ricon wheelchair lift, side mount, s-series. Runs well. \$2000. Call Lonnie @ 620-662-1373 or 620-727-4726 or email midgee@swbell.net.

1985 Ford Econoline Van with side lift, in very good condition. No rust. Asking \$3,800. Call Kim @ 785-542-2281.

1992 Chrysler Van with wheelchair ramp, activated door, new battery. Clean, 35,000 miles, \$5,000. Call 913-362-3000 Saturday or Sunday, 10am to 4:30pm.

1994 Ford Econoline Discovery Conversion Van with split floor Ricon lift, Reese trailer hitch. 118,000 miles, 2 new tires, power windows, locks, steering, AC/heater, cruise, manual wheelchair tie downs. Can email pictures. Call 712-735-4402 or email kltk@iowatelecom.net.

1997 Dodge Ram Van Mark III with Ricon wheelchair lift, raised roof, wheelchair easy lock. 22,000 miles and fully loaded. Call Bob @ 913-825-4714.

1998 VW Van with Braun lift. 88,000 miles. \$6,500. Call 913-631-5959.

1998 Chrysler Town & Country LXI. 8,100 miles, ENTERVAN ramp package, turn & transfer driver seat. Like new, must see. Asking \$30,000. Digital pictures available. Call Pam or Jim @ 913-631-5959.

2002 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport Rampvan with IMS slim fold out ramp system, rear axle kneeling system, lowered floors, driver side wheelchair lockdown and hand controls. All warranties current, like new, 15,000 miles. Power wheelchair available with van. Paid \$38,000; any reasonable offer considered. Call Kyle @ 402-651-5733.

2002 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport with VMI undercarriage ramp system, rear axle kneeling system, lowered floors, passenger wheelchair lockdown. All warranties current, like new, driven less than 7,500 miles. Paid \$43,000; any reasonable offer considered. Call 816-537-4422 and leave a message.

## WHEELCHAIRS

Jazzy Red Electric Wheelchair Model 1300 with headrest, joystick, tilt, recline, elevating leg rests, gel seat cushion. Call Betty @ 308-324-4744.

Reclining Quickie Wheelchair with headrest, elevating leg rests, removable arm rests, gel cushioned seat. Call Angela @ 620-763-2621 or email angela@ckt.net.

Jazzy Red Electric Wheelchair Model 1122 joystick controlled with tilt, recline, elevating leg rests, removable arm rests, 20" chair, deep contour 20" x 20" cushion. Asking \$5000. Call Phyllis @ 308.582.4626 or email bpchrist@nebnet.net.

Jazzy Red Electric Wheelchair Model 1143 20" chair, custom personal back - tall, 18 x 17 Jay 2 deep contour leg cushions, removable arm rest, elevating leg rests, adjustable foot plates. Used sparingly for 6 months. Paid \$8,000, asking \$4,000. Call Shirlee @ 402-393-5680.

Invacare R2 Mid-wheel Drive Power Wheelchair 20" seat width, pressure relief seat cushion. Very tight turning radius. \$3,000 includes delivery in KC area. Call 913-631-5959.

Pride Jet 7 Motorized Wheelchair never used. 16.5" turning radius. Call 913-287-7751 or 816-507-3728.

Pride Jazzy Electric Wheelchair with 2 batteries and charger on board. Good condition. \$1,000. Call 816-318-8667 and leave a message.

Model 9000 Action Power Electric Wheelchair complete with two batteries and charger. Includes Owner's Operation and Maintenance Manual. Call 816-246-7761 or 816-564-4841.

## COMPANION SEAT BASE

Braun companion seat base for Chrysler, Dodge or Plymouth minivan. Passenger seat mounts on it, then seat swivels, extends and lifts without cutting vehicle. Call Sue @ 816-353-7892.

## INDOOR ELEVATOR

Ram Thrust-T-Lift vertical wheelchair lift, height 142", maximum travel of 120". TTL control wall extension, solid end wall, keyed upper gate 42", adjacent access, carriage gate with interlock 54". Paid \$7,000; any reasonable offer considered. Call Diana at 913-909-3777.

## CHAIR GLIDES

Two chair glides for sale. Each can be adapted to fit stairs from 6-12 steps. Good condition. Local company that can install. Call Cheryl @ 816-392-8597.

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### February Support Group Dates



### Support Group Locations

1	KC Night	7:00 p.m.
2	Hutchinson	2:00 p.m.
3	Wichita	7:00 p.m.
8	Springfield	6:30 p.m.
10	Omaha	7:00 p.m.
11	KC Caregivers	12:30 p.m.
16	KC Day	2:00 p.m.
17	Salina	7:00 p.m.
19	Wichita Caregivers	11:00 a.m.
28	Topeka	3:00 p.m.
28	Columbus **	4:00 p.m.

**KC Night SG**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church  
55<sup>th</sup> & Oak

**KC Day SG**  
Turning Point  
8900 State Line, Ste. 240

**KC Caregivers SG**  
ALS Office - Must RSVP  
8340 Mission Rd., Ste. B-4

**Wichita, KS Caregivers SG**  
ALS Office, 526 S. Market Street

**Wichita, KS SG**  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
5002 East Douglas

**Hutchinson, KS SG**  
Grace Episcopal Church  
20<sup>th</sup> & Main

**Topeka, KS SG**  
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St. Pius X Parish Center  
6905 Blondo Street

**Columbus, NE SG \*\***  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
2200 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Fireside Room

**Springfield, MO SG**  
Cox Medical Center South  
3801 South National Ave.



\*\* New location for Columbus Support Group -  
please see address to the right.

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