



**Keith Worthington  
Chapter**

1978 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2008

## 30 YEARS - Presidential Reflections



**MARJORIE D. GRANT** (President 1985-1989)

Keith tapped Marjorie to create a board of directors and formalize the organization he'd begun 7 years earlier. She developed a base that would make this organization one of the premiere Chapters in The ALS Association. Marjorie was our first director to be elected to the national board of trustees. Marjorie's support continued when she remembered the Chapter in her will.



...too many are  
counting on us.



**BOB BJORSETH** (President from 1990 - 1992)

The 30-year anniversary really surprised me. I had never thought that there would be a need for our organization 30 years in the future, but, sadly, the need is greater than ever. It is a testimony to the spirit and perseverance of the families, caregivers and volunteers who have been impacted by this insidious disease.

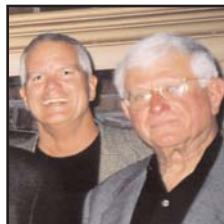
I joined the Keith Worthington board in 1985, shortly after I had played in the first Brett Tournament. The early years of service are a blur but I do have some general recollections of my 'tenure' as President.

It was essential that we transition the organization to a framework which was sustainable and which would provide us a base for growth. Our database was a shoebox jammed with receipts and several notebooks filled with memos, etc. We did not have any full-time staff - everything was volunteer.

To create this infrastructure, to contemplate paid staff, to fuel our dreams/hopes of finding a cure while providing patient services etc., we needed to focus on revenues -- and we did. Of course, it helped having a name like George Brett on our team, but we 'flew' in to fund raising and we were quite successful. As I recall, our annual revenues were less than \$100,000 annually in the late 80's and we were able to triple them in a relatively short time through creativity, effort and a growing volunteer and corporate support-base. Times were fun - almost giddy - we never lost sight of the sense of urgency to fund the research and create and grow the programs, but there was an expectation that a cause and/or cure was so close.

Nothing else really strikes me - it was a long time ago and those of us who remain from those days are much older... We have come so far and yet, we remain

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Top photo: Jay Daugherty, the late Marge Grant, Bob BJORSETH  
Middle row: David Watkins, Terry Betzelberger, Danne Webb  
Bottom row: Pete Story, Jim LeBow, Stuart Davis

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so far from our goal -- or do we? Patient and clinical services are in places which we never imagined decades ago! Our constituency is informed and 'connected' like never before! We are an integral part of an advocacy effort which touches the core of our state and federal governments! We help support and fund a worldwide research effort to find a cause and a cure which has grown and expanded virtually every year! We should glow in the positives in which we have been a small part, we should mourn the patients and families who have touched our lives, focused our efforts and crystallized our priorities and never - ever, ever do we despair ---- one constant remains - too many are counting on us. Maybe tomorrow, maybe tomorrow ----- it will all end!

**JAY DAUGHERTY** (President 1993 - 1995)

As one of the first board presidents, I was focused on the building blocks for the organization. Starting a strategic planning process, forming viable committees, finding solid board members, educating the board about their role so they would understand they didn't have to operationally run the organization.



Helping the board understand that it needed to be more concerned about vision, mission, planning, and goals. This was because we were evolving from an organization where the board was in charge of both operations and board responsibilities, some of us were acting as staff as well as board.

Another memory is putting the goal out there of reaching \$1,000,000 in gross revenue. It took a few years but we did reach it and now we are close to \$2,000,000 which is wonderful for the size of our population.

**DAVID WATKINS** (President 1996 - 1998)

My connection with the Keith Worthington Chapter goes way back to the early years of the Chapter. I learned about ALS in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at The University of Kansas. Keith's sons and nephews were also Phi Deltas, and Keith had been instrumental in making ALS the cause for the Phi Deltas.



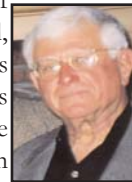
When I was fresh out of law school, I received a call from Sue Worthington asking me to draft the articles of incorporation and the by-laws. In 1985, I was asked to be a charter member of the board. After I had been on the Board for several years, my uncle was diagnosed with ALS. This certainly brought it all home for me.

I remember that during my time as President, the Chapter held a symposium of researchers from around the world who gathered in Kansas City to collaborate on ALS; Mitch Album, author of Tuesdays with Morrie, made appearances in Kansas City and Wichita, and the Chapter started the George Brett Golf Tournament in Wichita. And, in 1999, as I left office, George Brett was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame and major dedication activities were being planned to increase ALS awareness and funding.

**STUART DAVIS** (President 1999 & 2000)

In 1999 I became president of the board. We were in the fortunate position of facing significant growth in a number of areas. Community awareness of ALS was enthusiastically spirited on by

George Brett's induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. For many years George had been a devoted, active supporter of the ALS cause and later with his wife Leslie, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the benefit of ALS. The Hall of Fame Week, the induction of George into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, was replayed that day on the big screen in Kauffman Stadium after the game, hundreds of ALS supporters attended a semi-formal gala with dinner and entertainment in a giant, air-conditioned tent erected on the Royals parking lot, an artist was commissioned to cast a bronze statue of George to be placed in a notable location at the stadium, where it stands today; there was a special concert at Starlight Theater in George's honor as well as a Grand Parade through the Country Club Plaza with a party in the park. Kansas City turned out and people came from all over the country to honor George Brett and to support ALS. At the end of the celebratory week \$1.3 million had been raised for ALS.



During my tenure in office other significant events occurred. We put in place branch offices for fund raising and increasing awareness in both Western Kansas and Missouri. In partnership with the American Red Cross, we set up a national pilot training project for caregivers. Sue Worthington Fassett received the coveted ALSA's Rand Award. And, for the first time in the history of the chapter we raised over a million dollars in total annual revenue.

When I was asked to serve as president of our ALS chapter I did not have any first hand experience with this dreaded disease. Recently, as fate would have it, an immediate relative of my wife's family has died of ALS and my faith in what others can and will do to reach out to those in need has been redoubled. Anyone of us who has experienced even a glimpse of what effect this indignant disease has upon its victims and their loved ones cannot help but understand the need to provide as much support as possible for those who are suffering now and for the means to find both a deterrent and a cure so we might yet know a time when it is no more.

**TERRY BETZELBERGER** (President 2001 & 2002)

1978...30 years ago...the year my dad's goals and dreams would take a dramatic and unexpected turn. It was 30 years ago that my dad was diagnosed with ALS. I was a cocky high school senior focused on my own life and what was happening to me and very few others, let alone my family. The impact of this news did not sink in until a couple of years later when I actually had someone help me find out what this ALS was all about. I learned that the "typical" life expectancy after diagnosis was 2-5 years. My dad had a death sentence! Sure enough, it wasn't but a few more months before my dad passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving weekend. My dad never had any anger. He never had any remorse. He grew closer to his God, family and friends because of his circumstances. It is kind of ironic as I am now the same age as my dad when he passed away. It took a few years of rebellion before I realized that I needed to give back to those who are also trying to cope with this hideous disease. I didn't want my kids to have to deal with the same loss that I did. My involvement with the Keith Worthington Chapter has been so rewarding. I have met so many incredibly gracious people. We have changed the lives of so many that were on the verge of losing hope when they received their news.



My memories as president are very scattered. I remember how proud my grandmother (my dad's mom) must have been when we started offering services to patients and their families in Nebraska. She was a "Cornhusker" through and through. I remember the proud ribbon cutting ceremony for the ALSA clinic with Dr. Barohn. Of course, we also had to deal with 9/11 during my first year! In 2002, I recall that we were honored with "Chapter of the Year" at the annual national conference. I have been involved in a number of organizations, both charitable and non-charitable, and I must say that the Keith Worthington Chapter has always been one with dedicated, compassionate staff and volunteers with no agenda other than to focus on the mission and values of the organization. It's been such an honor to serve this chapter and I will not quit until, as George Brett has said many times, we all have a reason to have a big party celebrating the end of ALS.

#### **JIM LEBOW** (President 2003 - 2004)

For me serving on the Board was a fulfilling 10 year experience culminating with the last 2 years as Chapter President. My predecessors did a great job of building the infrastructure and a great staff was in place. The Chapter and volunteers continued to win very deserved awards.

I remember we were active participants in Washington bringing the message to our elected officials. We also had great representation at the national board level which I felt was a credit to our solid organization.

So, I saw my job as president not to change this, but to concentrate on increased revenue for patient services and research. The Chapter did this quite well raising \$1.4 and \$1.5 million dollars over these 2 years.

The walks became a great source of income. Also our golf tournaments grew, I think George's continued efforts and the addition of Joe McGuff and Tom Watson really helped.

Through Tom's tour play, individual philanthropy and national attention he brought to ALS, The Chapter benefited tremendously.

Unfortunately ALS is not cured so the need for The Chapter is still there. It was an honor to be a part of it. I wish The Chapter continued success.

#### **DANNE WEBB** (President 2005 & 2006)

My involvement with the Keith Worthington Chapter began shortly after my friend, Harry Warriner, was diagnosed with ALS in 2000. I saw firsthand the quality of the services and the care with which those services were dispensed by the good people at the Keith Worthington Chapter. I began participating on the patient services committee, and learned about the equipment loan pool, the support groups, the legislation to make Medicare benefits more accessible, and a host of other issues the staff and volunteers were focused on to make life easier for the patients and caregivers living with ALS.

As I know now, but as we all probably do not express often enough, the ALS community is a phenomenal group of proud, strong, faithful and optimistic people, bound together by an unfortunate tie. The staff members at the Keith Worthington Chapter who have made the fight against ALS their life's calling are people of exceptional character and devotion.

During the time that I served as president, the Keith Worthington

Chapter served approximately 450 patients in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and western Iowa. Over 1800 patients, caregivers and families attended support group meetings. The wonderful ALS clinic at the KU Medical School was visited over 300 times by ALS patients. The annual Walks to D'feet ALS brought in \$371,000. The Flint Oak Charity Shoot in the Kansas flint hills was a first-time event and a rousing success, raising \$64,000.

My journey as president was incredibly satisfying. I remember the initial heartbreak of learning that my friend and neighbor, Harry, had been diagnosed with a disease I did not know very much about. The more I learned, the more I despised the disease, but the more resolved my family became to do what we could to help in the fight against it. Harry and I spent many hours together, talking about our common passion of baseball, and we ultimately were the Chapter's guests at Lou Gehrig's 100th birthday celebration at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Harry and I crammed a lot of memories into the few years that remained in his life, and I was honored to lead his memorial service when he died in October, 2004. Harry's wife, Marilyn, and their family, remain dear friends.

I think I can speak for all of the board members who have volunteered to lead this organization when I say that we stand on the shoulders of giants. When we see the battles that are being fought every day by those living with ALS, and those surviving after losing someone close to them, we must stay true to our mission and focused in our quest to end this disease and to make day-to-day life more manageable and comfortable for those living with it. Hope does spring eternal, and as we enter into the spring of 2008, we should each be invigorated by that eternal hope.

#### **PETE STORY** (President 2007 & 2008)

Twenty years ago my friend Bob Bjorseth asked me to "do something in the community and join the ALS Board." It has become a labor of love, and I am proud to have been a part of it. For the last year I have been honored to serve as President of the board. The Chapter has been blessed to have amazing support from the community, our celebrities and, of course, those with ALS.

We have seen our events grow each year, and, coupled with donations and grants, we are among the leading chapters in the USA. Yet we are 28th in population! We have also seen significant strides in research, and, while a cause and cure have not been found, hope is on the horizon.



#### **OMAHA:**

When: Thursday, May 15 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Elmwood Park at the Pavillion

Food will be provided by the Chapter. The picnic, along with Light of Hope, will be held in place of the May Nebraska support groups. RSVP to Sue at (402) 991-8788.

#### **KANSAS CITY:**

When: Friday, May 23 - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Loose Park Shelter (NE corner of the park)

The Chapter will provide meat, drinks, plates and silverware. Feel free to bring a side dish. The picnic will be held in place of the May KC support groups. RSVP to Sarah at (913) 648-2062.

## Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Please join us in celebrating our 30 year anniversary by inaugurating two new awards to be presented at our annual Night of Hope. These awards are inspired by two major contributors to our community, Tom Watson and George Brett.

### The Tom Watson Award for Courage

When Bruce Edwards, Tom Watson's caddie and friend for 30 years, was diagnosed with ALS, Tom witnessed first hand the courage it takes to face this disease. This year we are honoring Cyndi Starke, who is facing this disease with the same courage and who continues to support our mission by fundraising and being an inspiration to everyone she encounters.

### The George Brett Award for Commitment

George Brett has been a part of our ALS community fighting this disease for over 30 years. His commitment is unsurpassed when it comes to fundraising and awareness. This year, we present the Honorable Jay Daugherty with this award because of his commitment as a part of our Keith Worthington Chapter Board of Directors as well as the National Board of Trustees.

For more information about attending the event,

please contact Laura at 913-648-2062 or lball@alsa-midwest.org



**Night of Hope**  
**May 3, 2008**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Overland Park Sheraton**

MAY 2008

**New in Wichita** - The Keith Worthington Chapter is proud to announce the hiring of Michelle Masood as the new Regional Development Director in the Wichita office. Michelle comes to us from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society where she served as the Development Manager. After her ALS Association orientation, Michelle will begin working on the Walks to Defeat ALS in Wichita and Salina.



### Advocacy Priorities for 2008

We want the 110th Congress to:

1. Pass the ALS Registry Act (S. 1382) and appropriate \$5 million in funding as part of the FY 2009 Labor/HHS Appropriations bill to continue the ALS registry at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2. Appropriate \$5 million in funding as part of the FY 2009 Department of Defense Appropriations bill to continue the Peer Reviewed ALS Research Program (ALSRP).
3. Support initiatives to improve access to long-term care services, including funding to implement the Lifespan Respite Care Act and to position The ALS Association to access respite care services.



May 15



Wichita - 7:30 p.m.

Home of Pam & Randy Rayer

RSVP: *Jean or Kathy - (316) 612-0188*

Salina-7:00 p.m.

Jerry Ivey Park

735 E. Magnolia Rd

RSVP: *Nancy Persinger - (785) 822-2717*

Omaha - Picnic 6:30 p.m.; Candle lighting 8:00 p.m.

Elmwood Park at the Pavillion

RSVP: *Shannon or Sue - (402) 991-8788*

### Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic

May 19th, 2008

Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate

Celebrities: George Brett and Tom Watson

For information: Kristin at (913) 648-2062.



### 2008 Walk Schedule

08/02/08	Kearney, NE	Univ of NE Kearney – Ockinga Center
08/23/08	Omaha, NE	Elmwood Park
08/23/08	Emporia	Jones Park
09/13/08	Branson, MO	Stockstill Park
09/14/08	Joplin, MO	Cunningham Park
09/20/08	Overland Park, KS	Corporate Woods <i>*New Location*</i>
09/20/08	Springfield, MO	Chesterfield Park
09/27/08	Topeka, KS	Lake Shawnee
09/27/08	Salina, KS	Bill Burks Park
09/28/08	Columbia, MO	Stephens Lake Park
10/04/08	Wichita, KS	Jabara Airport
10/11/08	Lincoln, NE	Antelope Park
10/11/08	Richmond, MO	Richmond High School

# ALS Research

The following research information is from The ALS Association web site - [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org).  
(This is a continuation of last month's environmental factors article in Dialog on toxins and warfare.)



## Environmental Factors

### Exercise or Pesticides

One idea that researchers offer is that soldiers on active duty are engaged in strenuous physical labor. Or, they are exposed to toxins which could play a role in ALS. ALSA is helping to fund an effort by the Veterans Administration to collect information about veterans diagnosed with ALS, to shed light on possible environmental factors associated with the disease. This VA registry will also serve as a stepping stone to clinical trials. Both possibilities, of toxin exposure or the influence of intense exertion, are advanced when researchers consider the finding that Italian soccer players appear to have increased incidence of ALS. It remains unclear whether exercise is indeed a risk factor and what types of exercise may be of concern. Indeed some studies seem to suggest that a degree of exertion may be beneficial in ALS. Other ideas are that pesticides or some other chemical encountered on maintained playing fields might be involved.

### Viruses

A recurring idea about environmental influences on ALS is that a virus is responsible for the condition. Polio virus, for instance, infects motor neurons and can at times lead to a weakening condition called the post-polio syndrome years after the initial infection. Scientists have considered viral infection for many other disorders of the nervous system, from schizophrenia to multiple sclerosis, as well as for ALS. A concrete link to viral infection has never been documented in any of these diseases.

ALSA has recognized the debate over a viral role in ALS, and has funded study of the issue, but so far findings have failed to confirm any link with ALS and viral infection. ALSA will continue to support investigations into the way that environmental factors may interact with genetics to produce ALS.

As no one would propose to give a known or potentially toxic substance to people on purpose, any study of the potential role of environmental or dietary factors in ALS must be by the methods of epidemiology. These studies look at populations of people and use answers to questionnaires or information collected from patients and stored in databases to investigate what common factors among people with ALS could provide a link to the disease. Such studies can only reveal a potential association and can never prove cause.

## ALS Research Journal News

*The following is from the January and February 2008 monthly summaries of significant articles about ALS research*

*While this summary is not exhaustive, it does include some of the most recent advances. If you would like certain news items featured, or have questions, please contact the research department [researchgrants@alsanational.org](mailto:researchgrants@alsanational.org)*

### ALS genetics in sporadic and familial ALS.

Collaborative efforts amongst the ALS community facilitate studies to identify genes associated with sporadic ALS. Recent advances in technology have enabled studies to identify genes that may be associated with complex disorders such as ALS. In an effort to facilitate these genetic studies in ALS, researchers, patients and funding agencies collaborated to generate a public repository of human DNA, immortalized cell lines, and clinical data. Several studies are already underway that have utilized this resource.

### Discovery of a potential risk gene for sporadic ALS.

Investigators at the University Medical Center, Utrecht in the Netherlands led by Leonard van den Berg, M.D. identified a potential risk factor gene called DPP6 using genome-wide association studies. 1,700 individuals with ALS were compared with 1,900 healthy people. DPP6 gene controls an enzyme found mostly in the brain that has been associated with spinal cord injury in rats. They discovered a single variant in DPP6 associated with ALS that increased the risk of getting ALS by about 30 percent. This exciting finding was confirmed in a second study by investigators at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, led by Orla Hardiman, MD. This is the first gene with a significant association with sporadic ALS that has been replicated in more

than one study.

### Advances in technology of benefit to ALS studies.

Transgenic mouse model enables researchers to visualize hundreds of cells and their connections in the brain. Investigators at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, led by Jeff Lichtman, M.D.Ph.D. have developed a system they have termed "Brainbow" which enables the detailed analysis of how neurons and glial cells interact with each other and enables tracing of individual cells in real time in transgenic mice. These mouse models could provide valuable tools for ALS to characterize changes in neuronal and glial interactions as well as changes at the neuromuscular junction. Similar experiments have already been done by these investigators in model systems that trace a subset of motor neurons. This system enables characterization of many more cell types and their interactions at any given time in a living system.

### Imaging techniques established to identify neural progenitor cells in the living brain.

Investigators led by Maletic-Savatic, Ph.D. at SUNY Stony Brook, New York have identified a non-invasive way to detect neural progenitor cells in the living human brain using a type of imaging called magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Previous studies have shown that neural progenitor cells can persist in adulthood and may give rise to new neurons. Studies suggest that the development of new neurons may be impaired in neurodegenerative disorders. These imaging techniques will enable detailed study of this.



## Memorial Day

Memorial Day means many things to people; the beginning of summer, a three day weekend or maybe the time to pull the barbecue grill out. For those that have lost a loved one to ALS, the day can also mean a time to remember lives cut short by this terrible disease.

We at the Chapter feel bittersweet when we receive gifts in memory or honor of those affected by ALS. Grateful that friends and family care about the Chapter's work and choose to support it with this type of donation but sad that a cure has not yet been found to end this disease forever.

With Memorial Day approaching, we want to emphasize how important memorial and honorary gifts are to the Chapter. It gives us the ability to make sure no one faces this disease alone and to express our deep appreciation to those who have made this type of gift over the years. We invite you to again remember and honor your loved ones with a gift during this holiday of tribute.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.alsa-midwest.org](http://www.alsa-midwest.org) and click on the Donate button. This will bring you to a form that can be filled out with all the information necessary to pay tribute to a loved one. Please note that we will send an acknowledgement to the person you select so you can share your tribute with those that also care about the honoree.

If you prefer to mail a tribute gift to our office, please include the name of the person you wish to recognize, whether the gift is a memorial or honorary one and the name and address of the person you would like to receive an acknowledgement letter. Please note that gift amounts are not disclosed in acknowledgement letters. The mailing address for the office is 6950 Squibb Road, Suite 210, Mission, KS 66202.

Working together, we will realize the dream of making ALS just a memory.

### Programs & Services Update for FY09

(from the March 2008 report)

	In March 2008	Fiscal Year '09 to Date
New patients	14	22
Number of patients who have died	11	18
Consultations made by Service Coordinators	407	851
Number of clinics held	4	8
Patients attending clinic	45	66
Number of support group meetings	13	22
Patients attending support group meetings	21	35
Total number attending support group meetings	89	154
Number of current active equipment leases	184	

*(The Chapter's fiscal year runs from Feb to Jan of the following year. Fiscal year 2009 is Feb '08 - Jan '09.)*

#### In Memoriam

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

Eddie Grey  
William Hitz  
Bradley Meyer  
Kenneth Morton

Rollie Saylor  
Harold Spencer  
Ron Womelsdorf  
Terry Olson

#### Memorials

Thank you to the families of the following for designating our Chapter for donations:

Eddie Grey  
Bradley Meyer  
Terry Olson  
Harold Spencer  
Rollie Saylor

## EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

## ITEMS FOR SALE

## VANS

**1999 Ford Econoline Conversion Van.** Has lift and many extras. 86,000 miles. \$10,500. Call Bruce at (402) 291-1697.

**1998 Ford Windstar.** 52,000 mi. New carpet. \$20,000. Call Daphne at (417) 844-4814.

**2006 Toyota Van.** Dark blue, excellent condition, only 1,700 miles with Braun Lift and Easy Lock tie-down system. Asking \$40,000. Call Wayne Ryherd at (620) 365-5485 and leave message. All calls returned.

**1992 Chevrolet G20 Van.** Has Braun lift. 90,000+ miles. \$4000. Call Sherrie at (816) 884-3071.

**2003 Dodge Grand Caravan,** Rampvan. Perfect condition, 98,000 miles, new tires, new rear shocks, serviced Feb 06, asking \$26,000. Call (888) 386-1200 or e-mail djmathis1@alltel.net for details.

**1995 Ford Econoline 150 full-size van.** Leather interior, Braun lift, 113,000 miles. Call Pam Garcia (402) 345-0879 or 402-917-6478 (cell).

**'98 Dodge Grand Caravan.** Loaded. Fully automatic ramp and door. Excellent condition. \$14, 900. Call Rosie Anderson, (913) 205-2848.

**2007 Honda Odyssey.** <7000 Miles. New May 07. Used only 6 months. Autoslide out ramp-VMI-Power all-TV's Stereo Navigation Ron (913) 660-0587

**'98 Town and Country Handicap Conversion Van.** Wheelchair locks and side ramp. Removable front seats. 40,000 miles. New Battery. \$14, 000. Alice Zavcek Alice.B.Zvacek@usace.army.mil

## WHEELCHAIRS

**ALL POWER Permobil wheelchair.** Slightly used (approximately 6 months). Some surface scratches, otherwise in perfect shape. Asking \$2,500. (816) 377-4351.

**Permobil C300 Wheelchair.** 6 mos. old. \$7,000. Call Daphne at (417) 844-4814.

**InvaCare Chairman Power Wheelchair.** Incl. ventilator tray, head controls. Like new, used only 5 times. \$6,299 or best offer. Call Fernando (816) 213-0607.

**M91 Power Wheelchair.** Flat Free tires. EX controller, Swingaway foot rest, 22 ML gel batteries. Purchased 2004 for \$6,450. Asking \$2,500. Call Eileen Otto at (913) 888-9998.

**InvaCare Storm Series TDX4 Power Wheelchair.** Storm Series TDX4 incl Formula Invisible Super Low Tilt, tilt/recline/elevate, Formula PTO Plus & joystick controller. 2 yrs old. Pickup or delivery available in Springfield/ Joplin. List price \$10,305; asking \$6,200. Call Francine 636.530.6001.

**Quantam 600 series power chair.** Reclines to lay down w/ legs up. Call Pam Garcia or (402)917-6478

**Reclining Quickie Wheelchair** with headrest, elevating leg rests, removable arm rests, gel cushioned seat. Contact Angela at (620) 763-2621 or angela@ckt.net.

**Wheelchair,** sized for a woman. Excellent condition. \$125. Call Melvin (913) 498-3129.

**Hoveround power chair** w/battery pack and charger. Excellent condition. \$1550. Call Melvin (913) 498-3129.

**Like new Merit Red Power Wheel Chair** with large rear wheels. Model #2005. Asking price \$23,000.00. Used only a few times. Call: Mrs. J. J. Wyatt (316) 207-8186 or Pamela Rayer (316) 721-0939.

**Wheelchair,** Permobil C300. Reclines, Joystick. \$6500. Call Linda at (816) 238-3991

**Large overstuffed Lane electric lift chair.** Gold in color, 1 year old. Call Marilyn (785) 248-1158

## PLATFORM LIFTS

**Access Industries Indoor/Outdoor Vertical Platform Lift,** Model PLS 96. Used little 750 lbs. capacity. \$5,500 - . Call (314) 374-4480.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**NEW DINAVOX MAX,** blue Never used \$3000 Contact Susan Smith (816) 943-9654.

**STAIR GLIDE** and seat for 7 steps. Straight access. Can be mounted to steps or wall. Call (913) 712-8657 or (952)457-1520. Will donate.

**E-Z STAND,** 5000 series. Brand new - valued at \$5000. Asking \$1,500. Call Michelle (402) 994-2204.

**INVACARE HOSPITAL BED.** Full electric hospital bed, 88" x 36". Split springs to ends. \$1,000. Call Eileen at (913) 888-9998.

**DYNAVOX SERIES 4.** Less than 1 year old. Asking \$2,200. Call Daphne at (417) 844-4814.

**SCOOTER,** Pride Shuttle Mobility Scooter, variable speed control; 2 batteries, 110v built-in charger; baskets. Good condition. \$550.00 Call Sharon (417) 276-3363.

**SCOOTER LIFT.** Bruno electric swing arm scooter lift. \$550.00 (Installation not incl.) Call Sharon (417) 276-3363.

**CHAIR GLIDE,** Summit Stairway, installed Nov. 2006. Straight stairway. Incl. all paperwork and instructions. New \$2926, asking \$1900. Please call Chelly (913) 661-0374.

**LIFT CHAIR,** beige power recliner, great condition. \$550. Call Melvin at (913)498-3129.

**DYNAVOX** with carrying case. Like new - purchased in 2005. \$6,000 or best offer. Please call Audra Youman (308) 632-8984.

**SCOOTER CHAIR.** Never used. Pd \$6,000, asking \$3,500. Call Darlene (402) 352-2083.

**LIFT SYSTEM** Sure-Hands Patient Lift System w/ 3-room access. \$7000 or reasonable offer. Contact Marilyn Gray (316) 831-0123.

**WHEELCHAIR TUB BASE.** 30x60 Barrier Free. Only used twice. Cost \$515, asking \$200. Please call George (816) 461-0980.

**SHOWER CHAIR PVC.** Call Pam Garcia (402) 345-0879 or (402) 917-6478 (cell).

## SEVERAL ITEMS AVAILABLE:

- Sure Hands lift system, \$6,000
  - Deluxe Wheelchair - \$12,000
  - Portable commode chairs, walkers, plastic ankle supports, size large
- Call Margie Lafevers (870) 424-6325.

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### May Support Group Dates

*Phone RSVP's are requested if marked with \*  
Toll-free phone numbers are listed below.*

7	*Jefferson City	1:30 p.m.
7	Hutchinson	2:00 p.m.
1	Wichita	7:00 p.m.
13	*Springfield	6:30 p.m.
15	Salina	7:00 p.m.
17	Wichita Caregivers	11:00 a.m.
22	*Carl Junction	11:00 a.m.

### Kansas City and Omaha will not hold support groups in May.

See page 3 for information about the May picnics in Omaha on May 15 and Kansas City on May 23, plus information on Omaha and Wichita's Light of Hope events on May 15.

### Support Group Locations

<p><b>Hutchinson, KS</b> Grace Episcopal Church 20th &amp; Main</p> <p><b>Salina, KS</b> Church of the Cross Methodist Corner of W. Claflin &amp; Rush St.</p> <p><b>Topeka, KS</b> Shawnee Co. Public Library 1515 SW 10th Avenue * Meets every other month</p> <p><b>Wichita, KS Caregivers</b> ALSA Office- 3450 N. Rock Rd, Bldg 200, Ste 211 <b>No need to RSVP</b></p> <p><b>Wichita, KS</b> Grace Presbyterian Church 5002 East Douglas</p>	<p><b>KC Caregivers/Survivors</b> ALSA Bldg - 2nd Floor Mtg Rm <b>Please RSVP</b></p> <p><b>KC Day (YOGA)</b> ALSA Bldg - 2nd Floor Room</p> <p><b>KC Men</b> ALSA Bldg - 2nd Floor room <b>Please RSVP</b> * Meets every other month</p> <p><b>KC Evening</b> 2nd Presbyterian Church 55th and Oak</p> <p><b>Lawrence</b> Bert Nash Comm Health Ctr 200 Maine St., 1st floor rm * Meets every other month</p>	<p><b>Richmond, MO</b> Call Lea 816-776-6007</p> <p><b>Jefferson City, MO</b> Southridge Baptist Church 1815 Vieth Drive</p> <p><b>Springfield, MO</b> Cox South Hospital Meeting Room #3</p> <p><b>Carl Junction, MO</b> Gambino's Pizza 1304 Pennell Street</p> <p><b>Omaha, NE</b> Millard Library 13214 Westwood Lane</p> <p><b>Nebraska Phone Group</b> Call Shannon 866-762-6361</p>
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