



## An Unexpected Love

When Ted and Valdene Veer met in 1955, they had no idea that after 45 years of being missionary colleagues and friends, they would marry and begin a life together in 2000.

"I met Val when her dad wanted me to answer questions she had about missions work in Africa," said Ted. "I challenged her about the opportunities in Ethiopia. She then trained as a nurse and went to Africa in 1960. We were friends during our time in Ethiopia. Val served as a nurse to my sons in their boarding school for two years and then served in a down country hospital where I had taught previous to her nursing and teaching ministry there."

For twenty years, Ted and Val each worked in Africa through SIM (originally Sudan Interior Missions and now called Serving In Missions). Val returned to the United States in 1984 to serve as a nurse at a retirement center for missionaries. After living as a single woman for her entire life, Val prayed, "Lord, if you want me to get married, you'll have to bring him to me."

During his time as a missionary in Africa, Ted was married. His wife passed away in 1999 after battling brain cancer. At that point, he had not seen Val for four years. However, Val had family in Kansas, where Ted and his wife lived after returning from Africa, and she had visited them both to reminisce over the years. When Ted's wife passed away, he and Val spoke on the phone a few times. After this, Ted made the decision to write a letter asking her if she would begin a relationship with him via letter. She agreed, having no idea that this would lead to their eventual marriage.

Val has enjoyed becoming part of Ted's large family, which includes five sons from his previous marriage and 13 grandchildren. Val's new family welcomed her and is now supporting her as she lives with ALS.

Val began suspecting something was wrong in April 2006, when she began slurring some of her speech. After speech therapy and a vocal chord surgery had no lasting success, Val was referred to a neurologist. Unfortunately, Val's first

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neurologist was certain she did not have ALS and kept telling her to come back in a few months. A specialist in Hutchinson, Kan., listened better and eventually diagnosed her with ALS. Though the disease has progressed slowly, Val and Ted have had to make adjustments. "My voice is nearly gone," said Val, "and I'm using a computer/communicator that speaks for me. It's a great help in communicating with Ted and others. I have taken it to people's homes when we have been invited out. I also have a feeding tube that I use for water and supplements. I can eat food without much problem and drink some water, but it's slow. The tube helps for my water intake and to maintain my weight. It is a time saver, and I'm thankful for it."

Despite these changes, Ted and Val are enjoying their life to the fullest; going to church, eating out with friends, enjoying family gatherings and going to their grandchildren's sports activities. In addition, Ted is the interim pastor of a small church near Newton, Kan. As Val says, "Our schedule is quite full!"

The Veers are thankful for their good support system of family and friends, and they enjoy seeing their family members carry on the missions work they began so many years ago. Two of Ted's sons have served with Mission Aviation Fellowship for several years in Zaire and Tanzania, and two of their granddaughters have served as missionaries in South Africa and Kenya.

As they live with ALS and all the changes that come with it, Ted and Val have learned a lot. "We have had to learn patience with each other as we seek to communicate in a more cumbersome manner, but God has assured us that He is in charge and is working His character in our lives through our difficulties," said Val. "We are having to assess what we want to accomplish in the rest of the time we have. That is a heavy topic, but deeply meaningful."

## Ring in the Holidays and the Hope for a Cure!

Bells will be ringing...It's that time again! Fall is here, and the holidays will arrive before we know it. So mark your calendars NOW for your holiday party with The ALS Association.



### Kansas City

Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Joseph Hospital  
Community Center

### Wichita

Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Joseph Hospital  
McNamara Room

### Springfield

Dec. 4, 6:00 p.m.  
Cox North  
Fountain Plaza Room

### Omaha

Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Westside Community  
Conference Center

## Eileen Brown Hired as Development Director

The Keith Worthington Chapter proudly introduces Eileen Brown, the Chapter's new Director of Development. Eileen is an attorney and has spent a significant part of her career working with donors on planned giving. She has served as Director of Development for the Alzheimer's Association and Children International as well as Affiliate Relations Director for the National Kidney Foundation. Most recently, Eileen was attending school full time for her Masters of Business Administration degree.

Eileen's mother passed away from ALS so she feels a personal connection to the mission of the organization.



Eileen can be reached in the Kansas City office at 913-648-2062 Ext. 209 or [ebrown@alsa-midwest.org](mailto:ebrown@alsa-midwest.org).

## Gifts of Securities

As you contemplate your year end giving, this is a good time to see if donating securities may allow you to make a donation that will not only benefit the programs of The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter but also offer tax advantages.

If you have owned stock for at least one year that has increased in value, you can donate that stock to the Chapter without having to pay capital gains tax on the appreciation. Additionally there is an income tax charitable deduction equal to the full current market value of the securities (up to 30 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income).

It is important to note that in order to receive the most favorable tax treatment, you must donate the securities to the Chapter - you cannot sell the stock and donate the proceeds.

Gifts of securities may be transferred to the Association in several ways, but the date of the gift for tax purposes may differ depending on your delivery method. Therefore, we urge you to use care in making delivery especially if you want the gift to occur in 2007 for tax purposes. Delivery occurs when the gift is complete and unconditional. The most common methods of delivery are through a broker or by mail.

If you are interested in donating securities, please call Eileen Brown at the Chapter office at 913-648-2062, Ext. 109 or send an e-mail to [ebrown@alsa-midwest.org](mailto:ebrown@alsa-midwest.org) for more information.

## Mark Your Calendars Upcoming 2008 Events

**Casino Night, Springfield - April 4, 2008**

**Night of Hope, KC - May 3, 2008**

**Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic, KC - May 19, 2008**

**Kerry Gray ALS Pro/AM, Wichita - June 22 & 23, 2008**

**Flint Oak, Wichita - Fall 2008**

**Walk to D'Feet ALS - Several Walks held throughout the service area in August, September and October**

## The ALS Association Monthly Journal News

The summaries below include some of the most recent advances in ALS research, as reported in the second half of the September 2007 journals. For more information, visit [www.alsa.org/research](http://www.alsa.org/research).



### Clinical trial of TCH346 does not show benefit for ALS patients

Results from a clinical trial designed to test the effects of TCH346, a drug that blocks apoptosis in motor neurons was reported in *Neurology* by Miller and collaborators. The results from the trial provide no evidence of a beneficial effect of TCH346 on disease progression in patients with ALS.

Link: [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/anti-apoptotic\\_clinical\\_trial](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/anti-apoptotic_clinical_trial)

### Technological advances for reprogramming cells into stem cells

Research reported in *Cell Stem Cell* by Robert Blelloch and colleagues from University of California in San Francisco shows progress in somatic cell reprogramming to the pluripotent stem cell state that may allow the development of models of ALS disease in a Petri dish. Prior efforts at reprogramming fibroblasts that give rise to the connective tissue such as cartilage relied on genetically engineered fibroblasts to express a gene resistant to drug selection. Here the authors improved the technique so that it does not require drug selection, thus improving the ability to generate pluripotent stem cells from somatic cells. These findings represent a step forward in the development of methods that would allow reverting cells from patients with ALS to a more primitive state enabling their differentiation into motor neurons and glia.

Link: <http://www.cellstemcell.com>

Methodology, stem cell clinical application

### Insight into the cellular mechanism of VAPB mutation leading to motor neuron degeneration

A study published in *Journal of Neuroscience* by the Dutch group led by Dirk Jaarsma and Casper Hoogenraad at the Erasmus Medical Center gives insight into how the P56S mutation in the gene-encoding vesicle-associated membrane protein-binding protein B (VAPB), identified recently in a familial form of ALS (ALS8), could lead to motor neuron degeneration. Using a combination of cell biology, immunofluorescence and biochemistry in transgenic mice expressing mutant SOD1 and in tissue from ALS patients, they show that the VAPB mutant protein abundantly expressed in motor neurons forms aggregates, traps endogenous wild-type VAP thus impairing normal VAP function and impairs lipid-binding protein function that could result in abnormal lipid transport and biosynthesis. The combination of these events could explain how the VAPB mutation leads to motor neuron death. Link: [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/VAPB\\_pathophysiological\\_mechanism\\_sALS\\_ER](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/VAPB_pathophysiological_mechanism_sALS_ER)

### Astrocytes control motor neurons vulnerability to glutamate damage through regulation of GluR2 expression

In a study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of*

*Sciences*, Belgian researchers working with Wim Robberecht propose a novel mechanism by which astrocytes influence the vulnerability of motor neurons to excess glutamate, the neurotransmitter involved in the transmission of information from the brain to the spinal cord. Taking advantage of the differential neuroprotective effect exerted by astrocytes from two different mouse strains, the investigators showed a differential expression of the glutamate AMPA receptor GluR2 in motor neurons in the two strains. Interestingly, the ability of astrocytes to modulate motor neuron levels of GluR2 is abolished in the presence of mutant SOD1 making the motor neurons more vulnerable to glutamate toxicity. This mechanism adds to the importance of astrocytes in maintaining the health of motor neurons.

Link: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

AMPA GluR2 pathophysiological mechanisms, astrocytes

### TDP-43 found in the neostriatum of ALS patients

Wabayashi's group from Hirosaki University in Japan published in *Acta Neuropathologica* on the presence of TDP-43 proteins in the neostriatum of patients with classical ALS and ALS patients with dementia suggesting the implication of the neostriatum in ALS disease.

Link: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

TDP-43, neostriatum, FTD

### A possible link between TDP-43 and progranulin

Leonard Petrucelli and colleagues from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Jacksonville published a study in the *Journal of Neuroscience* that sheds light on the pathological processes contributing to fronto-temporal dementia (FTD) and ALS. Mutations in the progranulin gene are linked to some inherited forms of FTD. Recently, TDP-43 protein has been shown to be a pathological component of inclusions present in the nerve cells and surrounding cells in some patients with FTD and in ALS patients. In the present study, the investigators show that a decrease in progranulin proteins leads to an increase in caspase-3 degradation pathways and pathological cleavage of TDP-43. Interestingly, reducing the expression of progranulin leads to a redistribution of TDP-43 from its normal location in the nucleus to the cytoplasm.

Link: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

TDP-43 and PRGN

### ITPR2: a novel susceptibility factor for ALS.

Researchers led by Van den Berg at the University Medical Center in Utrecht in the Netherlands published a genome-wide association study in *Lancet Neurology*, and suggest that the inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate receptor 2 gene (ITPR2) is a strong candidate for a susceptibility gene associated with sporadic ALS. ITPR2 is involved in glutamate neurotransmission, calcium regulation and apoptosis.

Link: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

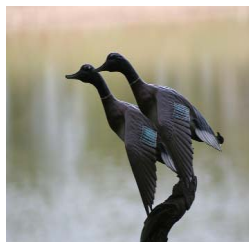


Tri-City	Aug 4	\$10,609
Omaha	Aug 25	\$38,000
Emporia	Aug 25	\$16,600
Kansas City	Sept 15	\$292,322
Branson	Sept 15	\$7,188
Joplin	Sept 16	\$8,261
Excelsior Springs	Sept 22	\$9,849
Springfield	Sept 22	\$47,300
Topeka	Sept 29	\$8,430
Salina	Sept 29	\$9,543
Columbia	Sept 30	\$7,762
Wichita	Oct 6	\$95,771
Richmond	Oct 13	\$26,335
Lawrence	Oct 20	\$2,597
Lincoln	Oct 27	\$32,993

**Congratulations!**  
 The Keith Worthington Chapter had a record-breaking year! The chapter-wide total is \$601,490 and still climbing. Great job and thank you to everyone who participated in the walks this year!



**Flint Oak ALS Charity Shoot**  
 The weather was perfect for the second Flint Oak ALS Charity Shoot held October 27 & 28. On Saturday afternoon, seven teams participated in the clay shoot and on Sunday 30 hunters participated in the European Hunt. Honorary chair person Carol Davies hosted the event with a silent and live auction on Saturday night raising a grand total of more than \$68,000. It was a great success!



## Tips for Traveling with a Bi-Level (Bi-Pap) Device

People with ALS who use a bi-level device to assist their breathing (either just when sleeping, or also during the day), can still travel. But it demands a realistic assessment of individual needs, and some important information and support.

Cynthia Knoche, RRT, Director of Chapter Patient Services for The ALS Association, suggests that before a person with ALS plans a trip, it's important to understand their daily needs at home and define what they'll need to ensure they will be able to travel smoothly and safely. Matching the type and scope of travel – from a visit to a relative in the same state to a cross-continental trip up the Amazon – to their particular needs is very important, she says.

Bi-level devices are fairly transportable; they weigh about ten pounds or less and there is no problem getting them through the security process at airports, Knoche says. They can also be packed and checked as baggage.

### Things to Consider

If the person with ALS is going to South America or Europe, only a plug adapter is needed for the electrical connection. But those going to other continents should check with the manufacturer of the bi-level device to see what sort of adapter is necessary.

For those traveling to a different altitude – say from Miami to Denver – the bi-level device will need an adjustment. That's because the machines are set up based on the current geographic barometric pressure at the user's location. A change in altitude, higher or lower, of more than 2,000 feet may necessitate an adjustment to the machine by the home care provider.

Some people with ALS enjoy camping or traveling away from ready electrical sources, and such adventure is possible for those using bi-level devices. They'll need either a DC cord that plugs into a car's cigarette lighter, or they can hook up to a marine type deep-cycle battery. For that they'll need an inverter and/or a DC battery cable adapter, which should be authorized by the machine's manufacturer. Knoche says it's important to discuss the type of inverter with the home care provider or manufacturer.

Those who use the bi-level device during the day, say while in the car or in a wheelchair, will need a 50-pound battery. The Deep cycle, marine-type batteries are quite heavy, generally about 40 to 50 pounds, and may only last from two to a maximum of eight hours, based on their service rating.

If someone is on a bi-level device for 20 hours or so a day, it may be wise to switch to equipment that is designed to serve as a life-support device because such machines have lithium batteries which are considerably smaller and lighter. Such machines can be set to provide the same bi-level support at the same pressure settings as are the regular bi-level devices. But the transition from the use of a bi-level device to a portable non-invasive ventilator is multi-faceted, and may be associated with issues or limitations related to reimbursement, insurance or hospice qualifications.

### Tips

Knoche offers a wide range of suggestions for people with ALS who use bi-level devices:

- Talk with the R.T. on their clinic team, if possible, about the trip they'd like to take and what they should consider in planning the trip.
- Be sure to call the home care provider and the manufacturer to learn what specific inverter you'll need if traveling beyond the

Americas or Europe.

- If you're using a battery, turn the humidifier off. It uses lots of power. Don't forget to ask the home provider to reset the pressure settings if you're going to a higher or lower altitude than the machine is typically set for.

- Bring some key phone numbers with you: The manufacturer, your home care provider and the number of a home care provider where you're going.

**The bottom line:** Look at your situation realistically and consider your need for additional equipment and your safety when planning the trip.

by Barbara Bronson Gray, RN, MN



## Advocacy Update

October 16, 2007

### House of Representatives Votes to Create National Registry for Lou Gehrig's Disease

The House of Representatives took a major step in the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease on October 16 when it passed The ALS Registry Act (H.R. 2295) by an overwhelming 411-3 vote. The legislation would establish the first ever national patient registry of people with Lou Gehrig's Disease, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, to be administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The registry would collect information leading to the cause, treatment and cure of the deadly neurological disease that took the life of baseball legend Lou Gehrig in 1941.

"This is a tremendous victory for people with ALS and their families across the country," said Steve Gibson, vice president of Government Relations for The ALS Association. "With today's vote, the House of Representatives has made it clear that our nation is committed to finding a treatment and cure for ALS."

### In the Senate

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has introduced companion legislation (S. 1382) in the US Senate where a bipartisan majority of 61 Senators have cosponsored the bill. "We hope that the Senate will follow the House's lead and pass the ALS Registry Act as soon as possible," said The ALS Association's Gibson. "People with ALS don't have time to wait."

## Sign Up To Be an ALS Advocate

An ALS Association Advocate is a foot soldier in the battle to defeat ALS. An ALS Association Advocate is someone who is passionate about getting involved with government at all levels to draw awareness and resources to the people affected by this disease. An ALS Association Advocate is someone who is willing to step outside of their comfort zone to effect real change in the way our government responds to the needs of the ALS community. Even if you aren't a friend relative, supporter or business associate of a legislator, you can open doors through your outreach. As an ALS Association Advocate, you can help change the laws and policies that affect thousands of persons with ALS and their families.

**Sign up online at [www.alsa.org/policy](http://www.alsa.org/policy).**

## Keith Worthington Chapter Wins Frontier Airline Contest

This September, Frontier Airlines held a contest in which they were giving away 75 round-trip tickets from Wichita to Denver to celebrate their new service. Applicants had to enter an essay contest in which they answered the question, "Which of the Frontier's tail animals best represents your organization?".

This is the Keith Worthington Chapter's winning entry submitted by our board member Jay Daugherty. The tickets were used in the Flint Oak auction.



### Grace the Swan and ALS

Its hard to be graceful when you cannot walk  
 Its hard to say grace when you cannot talk,  
 It is hard to have hope when the hope is all gone  
 But it can be revived by Gracie the Swan.

To have ALS, the disease of Lou Gehrig  
 You're prevented from flying or swimming or caring,  
 But help from others gives all of us hope  
 Cause its only through love that we begin to cope.

So here's to Frontier for providing the might  
 That by working together we can win this fight,  
 To defeat this disease that's taken so many  
 By giving patients free tickets for not one single penny.

## Photos of Love - Capturing Memories

Photos of Love provides professional photographs of children and adults who are experiencing life-threatening illnesses. Individuals or families participating in Photos of Love will receive a portfolio with several of the pictures taken, as well as a CD with all the pictures.

Photos of Love is 100% FREE to individuals and families facing a life-threatening disease. All costs are underwritten by United States Construction, Inc.

"Myron made it so easy by coming to our home to take the pictures, and the result was an excellent set of family photos that we will always treasure - they are truly Photos of Love," said Marlene Fritz, Prairie Village, Kan.

For more information, call The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter or e-mail [info@alsa-midwest.org](mailto:info@alsa-midwest.org).

<b>Programs &amp; Services Update</b> (from the October 2007 report)	<b>In October 2007</b>	<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>
New patients	13	81
Number of patients who have died	8	60
Consultations made by Service Coordinators	510	3,031
Number of clinics held	5	25
Patients attending clinic	33	197
Number of support group meetings	15	82
Patients attending support group meetings	37	188
Total number attending support group meetings	161	973
People attending speaking presentations	96	394
People attending presentations at Walk-related events	315	1,189
Number of equipment items on loan	382	n/a

*Pictured here Photos of Love Recipients Colleen Gillen and Family.*



### In Memoriam

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

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| Jeanne Critton   | Dale Magnuson   | David Smith  |
| Jane Hope        | Donald Miller   | Roger Surfus |
| Daisy Lewthwaite | Mildred Raymond | Rodney Klein |

### Memorials

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

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| Marsh Douthat  | Jane Hope    |
| Jeanne Critton | Roger Surfus |
| Rodney Klein   |              |

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## EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

## ITEMS FOR SALE

## VANS

**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.

**2002 Chrysler Town & Country Ltd Van.** Leather interior, DVD player, VMI conversion kit, remote ramp on passenger side. Removable bucket seats. 47,800 miles. New tires, very good condition. \$25,000. Call Andy at 417-844-7000.

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

**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.** 72K, Lowered floor with ramp and tie downs. New brakes and tires. Clean and excellent condition. \$14,500.00. Call Rosie Anderson, 913.205.2848

**1991 Chevy conversion Van.** Handicap accessible. Ricon platform lift. Excellent condition. \$6000. Call Joann Rand at 417-753-3282.

## WHEELCHAIRS

**Pernobil 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 with legs up. Call Pam Garcia 402-345-0879 or 402-917-6478 (cell).

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

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

**Wheelchair,** sized for a woman. Excellent condition. \$125. 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.

## PLATFORM LIFTS

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

**InvaCare Reliant Stand-Up Lift** w/sling. 24 VDC rechargeable battery, weight capacity = 350 lbs. Purchased in 2004 for \$3,400. Asking \$1,500. Call Eileen at 913-888-9998.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**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. Stand included. Asking \$2,200. Call Daphne at 41-44-414.

**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, excellent 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 Lafeyers 870-424-6325.

*Inclusion in Dialog is not an endorsement of these products.*

*If your item has been sold, or if you would like to place an ad, please contact Sally at 913-648-2062, or sdwyer@alsa-midwest.org.*

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### December Support Groups

With the exception of the following cities, support groups are **NOT** meeting in December. We hope to see you at your area holiday party!  
(See page 2 for more details.)

Support groups that **ARE** meeting :

**Wichita Caregivers and Survivors Support Group**  
December 20, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

**Hutchinson, KS**  
Grace Episcopal Church  
20th & Main

**Salina, KS**  
Church of the Cross Methodist  
Corner of W. Claflin & Rush St.

**Topeka, KS**  
Shawnee Co. Public Library  
1515 SW 10th Avenue  
\* Meets every other month \*

**Wichita, KS Caregivers**  
ALSA Office- 3450 N. Rock Rd,  
Bldg 200, Ste 211  
No need to RSVP

**Wichita, KS**  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
5002 East Douglas  
No need to RSVP

### Support Group Locations

**KC Caregivers/Survivors**  
ALSA Bldg - 2nd Floor Mtg Rm  
**Please RSVP**

**KC Day (YOGA)**  
ALSA Bldg - 2nd Floor Mtg Rm

**KC Men**  
ALSA Bldg - 2nd Floor Mtg Rm  
**Please RSVP**  
\* Meets every other month \*

**KC Evening**  
2nd Presbyterian Church  
55th and Oak

**Lawrence**  
Bert Nash Comm Health Ctr  
200 Maine St., 1st floor mtg rm  
\* Meets every other month \*

**Richmond, MO**  
Call Lea 816-776-6007

**Jefferson City, MO**  
Southridge Baptist Church  
1815 Vieth Drive

**Springfield, MO**  
Cox South Hospital  
Meeting Room #3

**Carl Junction, MO**  
Gambino's Pizza  
1304 Pennell Street

**Omaha, NE**  
Abrahams Public Library  
5111 N. 90th Street

**Nebraska Phone Group**  
Call Shannon 866-762-6361

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