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About the National MS Society

The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now—to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. MS stops people from moving. We exist to make sure it doesn’t.

We help each person address the challenges of living with MS through our 50-state network of chapters. The Society helps people affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with MS and their families move their lives forward.

- We are driving research by relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure.
- We are proactively reaching out and responding to individuals, families and communities living with multiple sclerosis.
- We are moving politicians and legislation to champion the needs of people with MS through activism, advocacy and influence.
- We are mobilizing the millions of people who want to do something about MS now.

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

- In 2014, the Society invested $51.5 million to advance more than 380 research projects around the world to stop MS in its tracks, restore function, and end MS forever.
- Since its founding by Sylvia Lawry in March 1946, the Society has expended nearly $870 million to advance MS research.
- During the last 69 years, the Society has been at the core of virtually every major breakthrough in treating and understanding the disease.
The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter is one of a 50-state network of chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The financial statements of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter present only a portion of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s operations, and they include material intercompany income, expenses, assets and liabilities.

**2014 Chapter Financials**

**REVENUE**
- Special Events $5,948,150
- Contributions $2,650,117
- Other Revenue $68,159

**TOTAL REVENUE:** $8,666,426

**EXPENSES**
- Client Programs $1,180,236
- Research $3,072,183
- Public Support for Society Activities $1,138,478
- Public & Professional Education $848,927
- Community Programs $477,197

**Total Program Services** $6,687,021
- Management & General $350,967
- Fundraising $1,394,832

**Total Supporting Services** $1,745,799

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** $8,432,820

**EXCESS (OR DEFICIT) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014:** $233,606

**NUMBERS TO KNOW:**

- The U.S. Society is one of 44 sister Societies forming the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation also founded by Sylvia Lawry.

- Over the past year, through its comprehensive nationwide network of programs and services, the Society helped more than 1 million people affected by MS connect with people, information and resources needed to live their best lives.
Walk MS, the chapter’s largest annual fundraising event, continued to make major strides in 2014, with more than 12,000 participants and volunteers at 13 statewide sites raising $2.7 million for MS research, programs and services.

Nearly 1,800 cyclists took to the open roads of northern Illinois at Bike MS: Tour de Farms, which is part of the largest fundraising cycling series in the world, raising over $1.5 million to help create a world free of MS.

The 36th Annual Carol Cohn & Margie Weil Memorial MS Outing, hosted by chapter board member Joe Weil in July, raised over $1.2 million, the most in the event’s history. More than 500 attendees participated in the all-day event in Highland Park, which featured 18 holes of golf, mahjong, canasta, live and silent auctions and a dinner program.

Patricia Woertz, chairman and CEO of Archer Daniels Midland Company, was honored at the chapter’s annual Dinner of Champions gala, which took place in September at the Four Seasons Chicago.

The inaugural MuckFest MS event in Illinois was a splashing success, with more than 1,850 participants slip-sliding their way through the 5k mud run and obstacle course, raising more than $187,000 along the way.

Nearly 1,500 individuals volunteered their time in 2014 by staffing fundraising events, facilitating support groups and peer support programs, lending their talents to special projects and office work, lobbying elected officials, and providing leadership as members of the board of trustees.

More than 30 Do-it-Yourself fundraisers held third-party events across Illinois, including golf outings, endurance races, bake sales and more, raising over $147,000 during the past year.
Our Mission

We mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.

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Looking for more information about MS?

Early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can make a difference for people with multiple sclerosis. Learn about your options by talking to your health care professional, and contact the National MS Society at nationalMSsociety.org or 1-800-344-4867.